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**Are you and your family prepared for an emergency?**

Everyone should know the risks, make a plan and prepare a 72-hour emergency kit.

Make sure everyone in your family knows what to do before, during and after an emergency.

**Build An Emergency Survival Kit -**

Your emergency survival kit should have everything you and your family would need to be safe and take care of yourselves for at least three days immediately following an emergency.

**[What to put in your survival kit:](https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/emergency-management.aspx)** The following list is broken down into the essentials, items you may need to meet your family's unique needs, and items to have ready in case you have to leave your home suddenly:

 **Essentials:**

* food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for 3 days) and a manual can opener
* bottled water (4 litres per person for each day)
* medication(s)
* flashlight
* radio (crank or battery-run)
* extra batteries
* first-aid kit
* candles and matches/lighter
* hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
* important papers (identification, contact lists, copies of prescriptions, etc.)
* extra car keys and cash
* whistle (to attract attention if needed)
* zip-lock bag (to keep things dry)
* garbage bags

 **Special Considerations:**

* items for babies and small children--diapers, formula, bottles, baby food, comfort items
* prescription medication
* medical supplies and equipment
* pet food and supplies
* any other items specific to your family's needs

 **Extra Supplies for Evacuation:**

* clothes, shoes
* sleeping bags or blankets
* personal items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, comb, other toiletries)
* playing cards, travel games, other activities for children

Also visit [**Emergency Management Ontario**](https://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/beprepared/beprepared.html)

and search “***Be prepared***”

for more information and tips on emergency preparedness.

*Seasonal Tips >*

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[**Severe summer weather tips** -](https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/emergency-management.aspx)

* Keep an eye on the weather
* Monitor the local media
* Listen to the radio
* Have a plan
* Look for safe shelter
* In case of thunder and lightning, immediately take shelter. Remain sheltered for 30 min. after last rumble
* Be aware of tornado season (April to September - peak = June and July).

**[Winter weather tips](https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/emergency-management.aspx)** [-](https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/emergency-management.aspx)

* Add supplies to your disaster supply kit, such as rock salt, sand and snow shovels
* Prepare your home and family
* Prepare your car
* Dress for the weather
* It is the responsibility of the homeowner to plan ahead and order fuel to get them through the winter

**Spring Flooding:** Listen to the latest warnings and advisories on the radio and television, or subscribe to mobile app updates, to give yourself as much time as possible in the event of an evacuation. There are 3 types of local flood messages:

* **Flood Warning = flooding is imminent or already occurring**
* Flood Watch= there is the potential for flooding
* Watershed Conditions Statements and Flood Outlooks= an early notice of the potential for flooding based on heavy rain, snow melt, water safety information.

**[Personal](https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/emergency-management.aspx) Preparedness Questions**

* Have I prepared an emergency kit -including my ID, clothing, medication, valuables and personal papers?
* Do I have adequate food and water for 72 hours?
* Is my cell phone charged?
* Do I have a flashlight and charged batteries?
* Have I made provisions for my pets?
* Do I have cash?
* Is my car fueled?
* In the event of evacuation, did I notify family members where I'm going?
* If I have special needs (children, pets, disabilities), do I have to make alternate arrangements?

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### [Inside your residence -](https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/emergency-management.aspx)

* Have I raised furniture, clothing and valuables onto beds, tables and into roof space?
* Have I rolled up rugs and elevated?
* Have I placed electrical items in the highest place?
* Have I emptied freezers and refrigerators to their lowest levels?
* If evacuated, did I turn off the water, electricity and gas?

**[Outside the residence](https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/emergency-management.aspx)** [-](https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/emergency-management.aspx)

* Did I secure all boats & items left loose on and around docks or boathouses?
* Did I tie down outdoor equipment and furniture?
* Did I move chemicals and poisons to higher locations?
* Did I move fuel sources (BBQ propane tanks…) to higher locations?
* Did I turn off and secure all oil tanks and main propane tank?