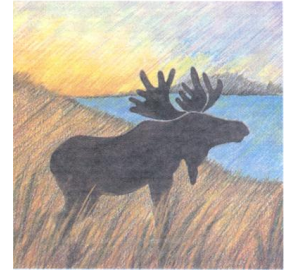




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TOWN of MANNING



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BULLETIN

SPRING BREAK-UP OR MAJOR THREAT CONTINGENCY PLAN

This publication is an INFORMATION BULLETIN ONLY and should not frighten or unduly alarm residents. The intent is to ensure maximum preparedness of all residents.

ACTION PLAN

The MD 22 and the Town of Manning have developed an action plan to minimize the effect of spring break-up flooding or a natural or man made threat. The plan is broken down into four alert stages: 1) WHITE; 2) GREEN; 3) BLUE; 4) RED.

The river or threat levels referred to in this bulletin mean the recorded levels at the Canada Inland Waters Monitoring Station or the threat encountered to which the community must respond.

Upon the declaration of a **Local State of Emergency** the MD of Northern Lights and/or the Town of Manning Peacetime Emergency Operational Plan comes into effect. This plan permits the R.C.M.P. to evacuate any resident who is in danger.

PREPARATION

WELL IN ADVANCE OF ANY EVACUATION YOU SHOULD DETERMINE WHAT YOUR FAMILY REQUIRES IN BASIC SUPPLIES. THESE SUPPLIES SHOULD BE PACKED IN EASILY CARRIED CONTAINERS. YOU SHOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT YOUR VEHICLE HAS A FULL TANK OF GAS.

PROCEDURES FOR EVACUATION

Anyone requiring assistance during evacuation should contact Family Community Support Services at 836-2170, 836-3451 or 836-6401 as soon as possible in order that adequate preparation can be made.

Emergency evacuation routes will be announced by the Public Information Office. Everyone should become familiar with these routes.

THERE ARE FOUR TYPES OF EVACUATION

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2. SCHOOL EVACUATION

A detailed school evacuation plan can be obtained from any school or school board office.

3. VOLUNTARY EVACUATION

A voluntary evacuation occurs when you decide to voluntarily leave your residence prior to an advisory or forced evacuation.

If you decide to leave, it is important that you follow the advisory and forced evacuation procedures. You should inform the Registration Centre at 836-2170 or 836-3451 or 836-6401 that you are leaving so this information may be passed on to friends or relatives should an advisory or forced evacuation be required.

Make sure you take all necessary items including pets, as you may not be able to return to your home for an extended period of time.

Leave the key to your house with a neighbour with instructions to unlock your house should a forced evacuation occur while you are away.

4. ADVISORY EVACUATION

Certain areas of Town may be advised, through YL Country (610 on the AM band) and KIX Radio (106.1 on the FM band), to leave their residence. Should this happen, you should leave immediately leaving your house unlocked.

In the event of a subsequent emergency the RCMP, assisted by the fire department, are required to enter all homes in the evacuation areas to ensure all occupants have left. Such a search will only occur if a forced evacuation is required. The R.C.M.P. will be assisting in the advisory evacuation and will also be patrolling evacuated areas.

As you may not be permitted to return to the area for quite some time you should bring all essential items including: pets, medication, special diet items, and personal items.

5. FORCED EVACUATION

A forced evacuation may be called if a **local state of emergency** is declared. Should this happen, residents in those areas **must** evacuate their homes and the area.

The R.C.M.P. are required to enter each home to ensure all persons have been evacuated. For this reason **the doors must be left unlocked**. After searching your home the R.C.M.P. will lock your house, if possible. **You will not be permitted to return until the local state of emergency is over which may be several days.**

Once you have left your home, you should register at the Registration Centre. A Reception Centre will be established for those who are unable to locate accommodations.

SPRING BREAK-UP FLOOD ALERT/ or OTHER THREATS WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

STAGE:	WHITE ALERT
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RIVER HEIGHT/THREAT PENDING: On alert from Alberta Environment or other agencies preparation will commence prior to spring ice break-up or upon notification of a mid-winter break-up.

WHAT IS THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (E.O.C.) DOING AT THIS STAGE?

- Monitoring river/threat levels
- Inspecting dykes (if any) and repairing identified weaknesses
- Confirming inventory of manpower, equipment and supplies
- Creating an emergency access where necessary..
- Requesting Alberta Environment to monitor the Whitemud, Notikewin, Keg River, Hotchkiss, Meikle rivers, Buchanon Creek and the Peace River.
- Posting evacuation routes
- Placing support services on alert

WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING?

- **DO NOT BE ALARMED;** this stage is to ensure maximum preparedness of all residents.
- As well leave a key with a neighbour so that your door can be unlocked should an evacuation occur.
- Have a working portable radio & flashlight.
- Keep a stock of food that requires no cooking or refrigeration.
- Keep medical and first aid supplies on hand.
- Be familiar with evacuation routes and procedures.
- Check your insurance for sewer backup coverage.
- Take precautions to prevent damage to personal goods or property (i.e. move items off basement floor or crawl space.)
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STAGE: GREEN ALERT

Rivers or threat is RISING

WHAT IS THE E.O.C. DOING AT THIS STAGE?

- Continuing to monitor as per White Alert.
- Making announcements every hour on the hour over YL Country (610 on the AM band) and KIX Radio (106.1 on the FM band).
- Depending on circumstances, requesting voluntary evacuation of low-lying areas.
- Contacting support groups and requesting them to standby.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING?

- Schools may be closed/evacuated at the discretion of the Superintendent. *Please contact your school for a copy of their evacuation plan.*
- Ensure you have looked after the items listed in the White Alert Stage.
- Be ready to evacuate by having all necessary items packed. Ensure your vehicle has a full tank of gas.
- If evacuating, call the Registration Centre, located at the (To Be announced), at 836 – 2170, 836-3451 or 836-6401.
- If you require transportation assistance contact Family Community Support Services at the above numbers.
- Tune into YL Country (610 on the AM band) and KIX Radio (106.1 on the FM band)

STAGE: BLUE ALERT

RIVER FLOODING OR OTHER THREAT HAS RISEN TO EXTREME

WHAT WILL THE E.O.C. BE DOING AT THIS STAGE?

- **Declaring a state of local emergency**
- Closing the Town and MD Offices to regular business.
- Locating the primary Registration Centre at the (To be announced)
- Closing access to downtown and or the area affected.
- Issuing an advisory evacuation for low-lying areas.
- Broadcasting reports over YL Country (610 on the AM band) and KIX Radio (106.1 on the FM band)) every five minutes for the first ½ hour and every ½ hour thereafter.

- Advising all non-essential gathering places to close.
- Assisting in voluntary evacuation of group homes and residents needing assistance.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING?

- If you are voluntarily evacuating, ensure that you take all residents of your home, pets, and all necessary items, as you may not be able to return to your home for some time.
- Leave your home UNLOCKED to allow R.C.M.P. access should a forced evacuation occur.
- Register with the Registration Centre.
- If you require transportation assistance contact Family Community Support Services at 836-2170 or 836-3451 or 836-6401 or 624-1000.
- Tune into YL Country (610 on the AM band) and KIX Radio (106.1 on the FM band).

STAGE: RED ALERT

RIVER HEIGHT RISING and or THREAT IS EXTREME

WHAT WILL THE E.O.C. BE DOING AT THIS STAGE?

- Issuing a forced evacuation of all low-lying areas and asking residents to proceed to the nearest Registration Centre.
- Reporting over YL Country (610 on the AM band) and KIX Radio (106.1 on the FM band) every five minutes for the first ½ hour and every 15 minutes thereafter.
- Ringing the fire sirens for 5 continuous minutes. The fire truck siren will ring in Manning in addition.
- Ordering all places of non-essential gatherings closed.
- R.C.M.P. and Fire Department will patrol the evacuated areas to ensure evacuation is complete.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING?

- Proceed as in the Blue and Green Alert Stages.
- Do not unplug your fridge or freezer.
- Evacuate quickly and proceed to the Registration Centre.
- If your vehicle stalls in a flooded area or threat area, abandon it.
- Tune into YL Country (610 on the AM band) and KIX Radio (106.1 on the FM band).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PEACETIME EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN, PLEASE CALL THE MD Office at 836-3348 or the Town of Manning Office at 836-3606