Planning for Evacuation! Follow These 3 Steps!

Educate

Develop a plan for your home and needs. Learn what zone you are in and where the items within your house are located so that you could be ready to leave your home in a short time frame if needed.

Evacuate

Knowing where to go in the event of an evacuation is key! The Town of Pincher Creek has put together a resident evacuation manual to help with this step. Please visit www.pinchercreek.ca/disaster to review this information.

Communicate

Let us know that you are safe! Place the evacuation magnet, on your front door to let us know your home is safely evacuated.

Call our disaster line at **1-855-627-5365** to register and ask any questions you may have about the current situation Disaster Information Line:

1-855-627-5365

For additional information relating to disaster planning and evacuation, please contact;

Town of Pincher Creek (Ph) 403-627-3156 962 St John Avenue E-Mail: reception@pinchercreek.ca www.PincherCreek.ca

www.pinchercreek.ca/request Choose category "disaster"



Town of Pincher Creek Evacuation Magnet

What you need to know during an evacuation



EDUCATE

Why: The primary purpose of the evacuation magnet is to notify responders of your safe and successful evacuation. The magnet is also intended to prompt you to collect some basic essentials that might be forgotten while leaving a stressful situation. Where a property can not be verified as having been evacuated, responders sometimes have no choice but to gain access to the property to be sure that residents are not trapped inside or needing support to evacuate.

How: Any notification from residents to responders that the house has been vacated, not only saves time when clearing the evacuation zone but also saves the necessity of having to potentially gain access to ensure that residents are safety out of the home. We would like to help this process by providing you with a prepared notification method that residents can use. This magnet can be stuck to metal exterior doors, placed in the doorjamb or taped to the front door while evacuating. If it can be seen clearly from the street, the magnet can be placed any way that the resident chooses.

When: The more information that you can accumulate about evacuation and what you can do to be prepared, the quicker you will be able to get to a safe place. It is never too early to start planning and there is no wrong answer to the right fit for your personal evacuation strategy.



EVACUATE

Evacuation orders are issued when conditions exist that pose a threat to the safety of our residents. It is important to leave the community as quickly as possible during an evacuation.

The Town of Pincher Creek has developed a public, Resident Evacuation Plan which is available on our website at www.pinchercreek.ca/disaster or by visiting the Town Office.

Secure all firearms and valuables prior to leaving your residence



Do you have:

- □ 72 hour emergency kit □ Wallet and personal documents
- □ Child supplies (diapers, bottles etc) □ Pet supplies (food, kennel etc)
- Prescriptions, prescription list
 Preplanned evacuation items
 & pharmacy contact

DON'T FORGET:

For more information and to register at the reception centre, please call:

1-855-627-5365

We're here to help! Contact the Town Office with any questions you may have or visit <u>www.pinchercreek.ca/request</u> use the "Disaster/Emergency Event" category.

COMMUNICATE

Why: During an evacuation, responders and evacuation teams need to verify that the occupants of a residence have safely left the property. By placing notification in a clearly visible location, it eliminates the need to access your home to verify it has been evacuated.

How: Place your evacuation magnet or any notification CLEARLY identifying that you have left your property, in a visible location on the front door.

When: The evacuation notification should be placed on the front of your home as you are physically leaving the property. Do not place this notification on your door if you are still needing to access the house or evacuation crews will assume you have left the property.

Disaster Information

Once you have evacuated, please call

1-855-627-5365

to register with our reception center. This number is also your contact number for status updates, re-entry information or any questions you may have during a disaster event.

