

What to do when issued an Evacuation ORDER is issued

Guidelines to help you leave the area safely.



Evacuation Order: You must leave the area immediately. Follow the directions of local emergency officials and leave the area using the route(s) identified. Do not return home until you've been advised the Evacuation Order has been rescinded. For anyone needing additional support, an Emergency Support Services (ESS) Reception Centre may be opened.

- **Register as an evacuee at the designated Reception Centre or online at ess.gov.bc.ca**
- If you need transportation assistance from the evacuation area or identify as having extraordinary needs, call the RDOS EOC at 250-490-4225
- Shut off all gas and electrical appliances, **other than refrigerators and freezers.**
- Close all windows and doors.
- Close gates (latch) **but do not lock.**
- Store your Firearms in accordance with Section 118 of the Firearms Act.
- Gather your family, and if space allows, take a neighbour or someone needing transportation. Do not take more vehicles than you have to.
- **Take critical items only if they are immediately available:**
 - ⇒ Government issued ID, medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (insurance, credit, mortgage information), immediate care needs for dependents.
- Take pets in pet kennels or on a leash.
 - ⇒ Pet owners and hobby farmers with concerns for their animals should make arrangements when an Evacuation Alert is issued. Animal Lifeline Emergency Response Team (ALERT) can help: 250-809-7152.
 - ⇒ Farmers who require assistance, call the RDOS EOC at 250-490-4225.
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency assistance.

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