



# Evacuation Protocols for Red River Métis living in Manitoba

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Disasters occur throughout the entire year in Manitoba and with the everchanging climate, extreme weather events are occurring more frequently. The best way to protect yourself and your family in case of a fire in your community is to do the following;

## Getting prepared

- ∞ Stay informed. Monitor the weather and listen to the local authorities. Be prepared to evacuate.
- ∞ Ensure you have your MMF Citizenship card with you when you leave your residence.
- ∞ It's also good to have a photo of your Citizenship card on your phone if you are not permitted to return to your home.
- ∞ Ensure that the MMF Central Registry Office has your up-to-date information, like your address and cell phone number. This is how the MMF will contact you to determine that you are safe, and identify any needs you have. Call 204-586-8474 to update your information.
- ∞ Keep your vehicle fueled up at all times and position it forward out of the driveway.
- ∞ Get familiar with the evacuation routes in your community.
- ∞ Pack a bag in advance and keep it close to the exit. Ensure you have your medication, a list of the names and dosages of the medications you take, extra glasses, change of clothing, toiletry items, identification, a list of family telephone numbers, your cell phone and a charger, along with a small amount of cash.
  - o Pack appropriately for each member of your family. It is ideal to have a week's worth of supplies.
  - o Know where your children's comfort items are located, or have duplicates of them stored away, as children often rely on these items when they are displaced.
- ∞ If you are bringing your pets, pack their leash, kennel, food and water for them as well as their proof of vaccination card.

## When an evacuation is called

- ∞ When told to evacuate, follow the direction of the first responders in your community.
- ∞ Bring along your emergency bag and whatever belongings you will need to be out of your home for a week.
- ∞ You will be told to meet at a staging area somewhere in the community.
- ∞ You and your family will then be directed to a provincially designated site, where you will register yourself and your family as evacuees.
  - o Note that failure to register with the province can result in difficulties accessing the aid intended for you and your family.

## During the evacuation period

- ∞ After you have arrived at the provincially designated site, the first thing you must do is register as an evacuee.
  - o You will be asked to give your name and contact. At this time, **please identify yourself as a Red River Métis Citizen to staff, including your Citizenship number if available.**
  - o It is extremely important that you register as an evacuee immediately. Aid can be provided by several levels of government, including your Red River Métis Government, but it is difficult to locate you and provide access to that aid if you are not registered as an evacuee.
- ∞ The MMF will reach out to you, ensuring that you are provided with any required stipends for meals, lodging, mileage and other incidental costs.
  - o We will work alongside the staff at the provincially designated site, to help meet your needs.
  - o If your name is not on the evacuee lists compiled by the staff at the provincially designated site, we will be unable to confirm you have evacuated safely.
  - o If you have not registered as an evacuee, please contact the MMF at 1 (888) 362-2012.
- ∞ The next steps will be determined based on whether or not it is deemed safe for you and your family to return home. If it is not safe, you may be placed in a hotel or other lodging until it is safe to return home.