EVACUATION ALERT

Packing & Preparedness Checklist

An Evacuation Alert means you are not required to leave yet, but you should be ready to leave at a moment's notice. Conditions can change quickly. If an Evacuation Order is issued, leave immediately and follow local authority instructions.

Tip: Pack your vehicle early, keep the fuel tank at least half full, and place this checklist with your go-bag.

1. Essential Documents

- ☐ Government-issued photo identification
- ☐ Passports
- ☐ Birth certificates
- ☐ Status Card / Secure Certificate of Indian Status, if applicable
- ☐ Driver's licence
- ☐ BC Services Card / health card
- ☐ Home, vehicle and life insurance information
- ☐ House deed or rental agreement
- ☐ Vehicle registration and insurance
- ☐ Banking information and a small amount of cash
- ☐ Copies of prescriptions
- ☐ Emergency contact list
- ☐ USB drive or secure cloud backup of important documents

2. Clothing & Bedding

- ☐ Clothing for 3–7 days for each person
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or boots
- ☐ Rain jacket
- ☐ Warm sweater or jacket
- ☐ Extra socks and underwear
- ☐ Seasonal hat and gloves
- ☐ Sleeping bag, pillow and blanket

3. Food & Water

- ☐ Bottled water — aim for at least 4 litres per person per day
- ☐ Ready-to-eat, non-perishable food

- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Snacks such as granola bars, trail mix or dried fruit
- ☐ Baby food and formula, if needed
- ☐ Reusable cups, utensils and paper towels

4. Medications & Health

- ☐ At least one week of prescription medications
- ☐ Copies of prescriptions and pharmacy information
- ☐ Eyeglasses, contact lenses and supplies
- ☐ Hearing aids and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ N95 masks for wildfire smoke
- ☐ Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes
- ☐ Sunscreen and insect repellent

5. Electronics

- ☐ Cell phone and charger
- ☐ Fully charged portable battery pack
- ☐ Laptop or tablet and chargers
- ☐ Flashlight or headlamp
- ☐ Extra batteries
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio

6. Personal & Family Items

- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Toilet paper and tissues
- ☐ Feminine hygiene products
- ☐ Baby supplies, diapers and wipes
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Garbage bags
- ☐ Comfort items for children
- ☐ A few irreplaceable photos or keepsakes, only if time and space allow

7. Pets

- ☐ Pet food and water for at least one week
- ☐ Food and water bowls

- ☐ Leash, harness and collar with identification
- ☐ Carrier or kennel
- ☐ Vaccination and veterinary records
- ☐ Pet medications
- ☐ Waste bags, litter and litter pan
- ☐ Favourite toy or blanket

8. Livestock & Larger Animals

- ☐ Arrange transportation before an Evacuation Order is issued.
- ☐ Identify a safe relocation site and alternate route.
- ☐ Prepare feed, water, halters, leads and identification.
- ☐ Move animals early when advised; trailers and roads may become congested.

9. Prepare Your Vehicle

- ☐ Keep the fuel tank at least half full.
- ☐ Park facing the road for a quick departure.
- ☐ Load go-bags, documents, medications and pet supplies.
- ☐ Keep paper maps in the vehicle in case cell service is unavailable.
- ☐ Confirm everyone knows the meeting place and evacuation route.

10. Prepare Your Home Before Leaving

Only complete these steps if authorities have not ordered you to leave and it is safe to do so.

- ☐ Close windows and doors.
- ☐ Remove combustible items from decks and around the home.
- ☐ Move patio furniture away from buildings.
- ☐ Move portable propane tanks away from structures; shut off propane if directed and safe.
- ☐ Turn off air conditioning and fans that draw outdoor air inside.
- ☐ Close curtains and blinds.
- ☐ Leave interior and exterior lights on to help firefighters see the home through smoke.
- ☐ Unlock gates for emergency responders, if directed by local authorities.

IF AN EVACUATION ORDER IS ISSUED: LEAVE IMMEDIATELY

Do not delay to gather more belongings. Follow the route and instructions provided by your local government, First Nation or emergency officials.

Quick Go-Bag Check

☐ Identification and important documents	☐ Medications
☐ Phone, charger and power bank	☐ Wallet, cards, cash and keys
☐ 3–7 days of clothing	☐ Food and water
☐ First aid kit and N95 masks	☐ Flashlight and batteries
☐ Toiletries	☐ Pet supplies
☐ Important electronics	☐ Paper map and emergency contacts

Before You Go

- ☐ Tell a family member or friend where you are going.
- ☐ Check on neighbours, Elders and anyone who may need assistance.
- ☐ Monitor official local alerts, radio and emergency notifications.
- ☐ Register for Emergency Support Services (ESS) when directed after evacuation.

Important: Local instructions take priority over this checklist. Keep your kit accessible and review it at the start of every wildfire season.