

EVACUATION/HOSTING INFORMATION

The Northwest Territories (NWT) emergency management system includes Emergency Management Organizations (EMOs) at the community (Local EMO), regional (Regional EMO) and territorial (Territorial EMO) levels. Each level works together to ensure a prompt, coordinated response to territorial emergencies affecting the NWT. The system ensures the safety and security of residents and visitors.

The goal of the emergency management system is to provide for the initial basic needs of those affected by an emergency or disaster event when residents and visitors do not have the needed resources.

The Government of the Northwest Territories highly recommends residents pre-identify places they can stay in the event of an evacuation, such as with family, friends, or other arrangements. This causes the least amount of disruption in terms of care and comfort.

Evacuation methods include but are not limited to:

- Use of personal vehicles
- Busses
- Plane/ Helicopter

Hosting options (where evacuees will stay while out of home) include but are not limited to:

- **Staying with family/friends or making other arrangements**

Individuals who make their own arrangements for evacuation and hosting throughout an emergency or disaster event do so at their own cost.

- **Evacuation Centres**

Evacuation centres may be stood up for those evacuees who do not have other arrangements. These are often group lodging facilities such as school gymnasiums and recreation centres. Food services can be carried out in group settings. Now that the Public Health Emergency is over, and associated restrictions are not longer in place, EMOs at all levels will return to the pre-pandemic evacuation and hosting guidelines outlined in the NWT Emergency Plan. There is no longer a requirement for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be used at reception centres, but evacuees will be encouraged to assess their own risk and comfort levels when it comes to using PPE during evacuations and where they are being hosted or staying. Efforts should be made to have PPE available for evacuees.

View complete evacuation and hosting guidelines as outlined in the [NWT Emergency Plan](#)