


Be Ready for Wildfires




The GNWT reminds all NWT residents that during this severe wildfire season it is critical for all residents have a plan, have a kit, and stay informed. The following are steps you can take to ensure personal preparedness:


- Have a household evacuation plan. Visit here for information: <https://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/en/services/be-ready-emergencies/be-ready-understand-and-plan-evacuations>
- Have a household evacuation kit that includes: clothing; personal care items (like toothbrushes); important documents; and medications for each household member. Visit here for more information: <https://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/en/services/be-ready-emergencies/be-ready-make-emergency-plan-and-kit>
- Have your vehicle fueled up and ready to go. If possible, help out friends, family and/or other community members who might need transportation or other assistance.
- Know beforehand where you can stay if you are required to evacuate. Some options may include with friends and family or camping.
- Check with your insurance provider to ensure you have appropriate insurance coverage.
- Keep checking local wildfire conditions. Stay informed by visiting: <https://www.gov.nt.ca/ecc/en/services/wildfire-update>
- Review the Wildfire Evacuation Checklist: https://firesmartcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/FSC_Wildfire-Evac-Checklist-June-2023.pdf
- Follow directions of emergency officials.

Several NWT communities have been evacuated due to wildfires. Understand the difference between evacuation notices, alerts and orders so you know when to go:

 **Evacuation Notice:** To advise you that an emergency event, such as a wildfire or flood, may present an increased risk to your community and could endanger life or property.

 **Evacuation Alert:** You may be at risk. Get ready to leave on short notice.

 **Evacuation order:** You are in danger. Leave now – follow all directions from officials.

 **All-clear:** The emergency is over. Go home if it's safe. Stay aware – danger may return.