

Prepare Now.

Prepare your **emergency evacuation plan** and a **grab and go kit** in advance, to help you and everyone in your household act quickly in the event of an evacuation. Keep this guide in your kit or in a place where it can be found easily and review it annually.

Make a Plan.

Visit **preparedbc.ca** to help you prepare your own **emergency evacuation plan**.

Make a Grab and Go Kit.

List of items to take at the last minute:

- ☐ Wallet with identification, credit cards and cash
- ☐ House and vehicle keys
- ☐ Mobile phone and charger
- ☐ Glasses and contact lenses
- ☐ Medications, toiletries and personal hygiene items
- ☐ Mobility and medical devices (with written instructions if needed)

Items to put in your evacuation grab and go kit:

- ☐ A supply of non-perishable food, snacks and bottled water for each person in your household
- ☐ A copy of your emergency plan, including contact numbers and reunification plan
- ☐ Copies of important documents (prescription records, birth certificates, passports, insurance and bank records)
- ☐ Change of clothing including warm clothing (hat, mittens) and blanket
- ☐ First aid kit, radio and basic tools
- ☐ Crank or battery-operated flashlight(s) or candles with matches
- ☐ **For Children:** diapers and wipes, clothing, snacks, activities and comfort items
- ☐ **For Pets:** food, collar with ID tag, leash or carrier, blanket, and toy.

Be Ready for an Emergency

Visit **preparedbc.ca** for resources on how to **make a plan**.

Register for community notifications today at **qathet.ca**

In an Emergency Dial 911



Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department
9999 Highway 101, Powell River
604 485-2260

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Regional Emergency Program credits the South of Town community and the Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department for their support in the development of this guide. In the event of an emergency, all residents and organizations are critical public safety partners including individuals, frontline responders, businesses, volunteer groups and governments. Everyone's preparedness is essential.

Find further information on the **qathet Regional Emergency Program** at **604 485-2260** or **emergency@qathet.ca**



COMMUNITY EVACUATION GUIDE

- **PREPARE NOW**
- **KNOW WHAT TO DO**
- **KEEP INFORMED**



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REGIONAL DISTRICT



South of Town

Stretching from Saltery Bay to Powell River, the South of Town area is a rural seaside community bracketed by the Salish Sea and the Coast Mountains. Hiking, biking, equestrian trails, waterfalls, and peaceful lakes attract families and adventure seekers to this year-round outdoor playground.

Most of the area's population is spread out along Highway 101 in small clusters of homes and acreages. These areas pose unique risks for residents and visitors in an emergency situation due to the sparse distribution of homes and with many residential roads having dead ends.

Each household should have a means of transportation, either a personal vehicle or a ride-share with a family member or neighbour. There is limited public transit, so **ensure your vehicle always has at least a half a tank of fuel** to get you where you need to go including the City of Powell River or the Saltery Bay Ferry Terminal. For pets and livestock, pre-arrange transportation needs such as crates and trailers, to safely move animals.

The dedicated members of the Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department will respond to emergencies, fires and as medical first responders. The closest hospital, ambulance service and RCMP are in the City of Powell River.

PREPARE AND SHARE YOUR PLAN

Take time with family, neighbours and guests to make and share **emergency evacuation plans**. Your plan should reflect the uniqueness of your home's location and identify at least **two options to get you and your household members to a safe location**. Refer to the included map for evacuation routes.

Make plans with friends or family members outside of your community that can offer you and your household members accommodations or act as a contact point for family reunification. Keep the phone numbers and addresses of these locations handy. Make this relationship reciprocal by offering your support to others in the event of their evacuation.

Know What to Do.



BEFORE an Evacuation

- Prepare an **evacuation grab and go kit** now
- Develop a household **emergency evacuation plan** that includes how you will leave and where you will go
- Practice your plan at least once a year and update it as needed

DURING an Evacuation

- Evacuation notification may be delivered by door-to-door notice, Community Notification System, emergency vehicle sirens or local radio broadcasts
- Follow instructions and advice of notifications and emergency responders to locate evacuation routes and safe locations within the timeframe specified
- Notify emergency responders if you or anyone in your household requires mobility assistance
- Prepare your home: Turn off and unplug all appliances. Lock up your home. If you have been instructed to do so, turn off all utilities at the main switches or valves including propane and water
- Take your grab and go kit and last minute items
- Take your pets and pet evacuation kit
- Refrain from using your phone except in case of an emergency. Leave the network open for emergency personnel use

AFTER an Evacuation

- Register as an evacuee. Registration instructions will be announced in the evacuation notification including how to access supports
- Stay connected and informed of current evacuation situation and when it is safe to return
- Upon your return, inspect your home cautiously and check for damage and hazards
- Call your insurance company: Document damage with photos and written notes, keep records of clean up and repair costs, as well as, hotels, meals, and travel expenses
- Clean your home as recommended by health officials

MAP LEGEND

- Community Facilities:
 - Lang Bay Community Hall
 - Kelly Creek Community School
- Fire Department
- Boat Ramp
- Dock or Government Wharf
- Ferry Terminal
- Bridge
- Primary Evacuation Route
- Secondary Evacuation Route
- Primary Marine Evacuation Route

Keep Informed.



Community Notification System

The Community Notification System will deliver critical, lifesaving notifications about an emergency by phone, email or text.

Register today at qathet.ca

Reliable Sources of Local Information



SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter: @EmergencyPRREP @CityPowellRiver
Facebook: @TlaaminNation @CityofPowellRiver

RADIO

Local stations: **95.7 Coast FM** **90.1 FM CJMP**

WEBSITES

tlaaminnation.com qathet.ca powellriver.ca

Know the **THREE KINDS** of Notices:



EVACUATION ALERT
tells you to prepare for an evacuation and be ready to leave on short notice.

EVACUATION ORDER
tells you to evacuate immediately. This may happen in circumstances where there is little or no time to notify, or following an Evacuation Alert.

SHELTER IN PLACE
tells you to take immediate shelter and stay in the home or building where you are.

