

LEAVING SAFELY

EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES

Emergency Social Services work with homeowners to provide food, shelter, options for pets and safety for maximum of 72 hours. All residents that have been evacuated must register with Emergency Social Services at the designated reception center. Registration provides emergency personnel and family members with a list of evacuees and will provide evacuated residents with food, shelter and other personal necessities. If you plan to stay with a friend or relative, please contact the Reception Centre to register and to be accounted for. Reception Centers will be established at:

Legend

Primary Evacuation Route
← Highway 99 South

Secondary Evacuation Route
→ Highway 99 North

Evacuation Direction
←-----

Administrative Boundary
□

Roads
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Parcels
□

WHISTLER

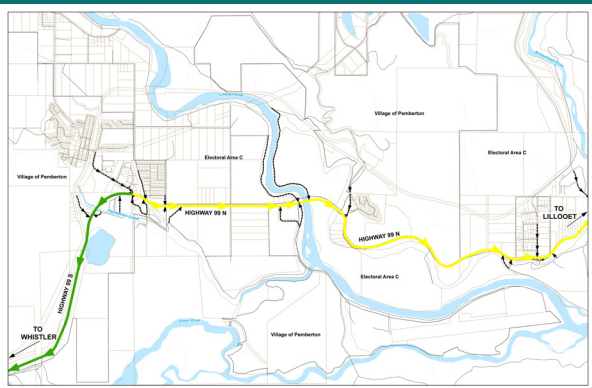
Myrtle Phillips School
8107 Camino Drive.
Spring Creek School
1509 Spring Creek Drive.

SQUAMISH

Brennan Park Recreation Centre
1009 Centennial Way

LILLOOET

REC Centre
930 Main St.



EVACUATION AND THE PEMBERTON VALLEY



MORE INFO

For more information about evacuation, or emergency preparedness, see the Village of Pemberton website (www.pemberton.ca) or the SLRD website (www.slrld.bc.ca), or get in touch with the emergency managers for either community.

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In response to emergency situations, it is sometimes necessary to evacuate all or part of a community. The Pemberton Valley has experienced evacuations in the past from landslides at Mt. Meager, interface forest fires, and floods. This pamphlet will explain evacuation alerts and orders in the Pemberton Valley, how you will be notified, what to do, and how to leave the community safely. As a community member, you are a vital part of a safe and successful evacuation.



ALERTS AND ORDERS

Evacuation alerts and orders are issued by your local government, RCMP or Fire. Alerts and orders will be delivered to your residence or businesses, and you will hear about them on Mountain FM radio, Village of Pemberton and Squamish Lillooet Regional District websites and social media networks.

HOW WILL I KNOW?

When an evacuation is required for all or part of the Pemberton Valley, you will find out in one of two ways:

WHAT DO I DO?

In the event of an Evacuation Order, your personal safety is most important. Here are some key tips and information to follow:

EVACUATION ALERTS

An evacuation alert is an advance notification that is issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises and property should it be found necessary due to an approaching emergency, such as flood or wildfire. Residents will be given as much advance warning as possible prior to the evacuation; however you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions. If you leave before or during this alert, it's called a voluntary evacuation.

A community might have an evacuation alert in place for hours or days. This gives community members time to prepare and plan for being away from their homes or business. You do not need to leave during an alert, but you need to get ready!

EVACUATION ORDERS

By issuing an evacuation order, your local government believes that your life is in danger and you must leave immediately, or it is dangerous for first responders to come and respond in your immediate area. Once an order is in place, special security measures ensure that your evacuated property is safe.

EVACUATION RESCINDED

When local authorities deem the area to be safe, an evacuation alert/order will be rescinded. You can return home. Stay tuned to local communication channels or networks for information.

A KNOCK AT YOUR DOOR

If time permits, depending on the emergency event, the RCMP or another first responder group (Fire Department, Search and Rescue) will knock at your door and deliver an Evacuation Order. They will tell you where to go when you leave, and connect you with assistance if required. Gather your family members and leave immediately!

EMERGENCY SIRENS AND LOUD HAILERS

If the emergency is an immediate threat to your area, you will hear emergency vehicle sirens, see flashing emergency lights, and hear "Evacuate, Evacuate, Evacuate!" over the loud hailer. Gather your family members and leave immediately!

VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Evacuations can be challenging for the young, the elderly, those with disabilities and special needs, and newcomers to the area. If you are concerned about your safety or the safety of a friend, family member, or neighbour, should an evacuation occur, get in touch now.

EVACUATION CHECKLIST

- » Follow the directions of emergency personnel.
- » Grab your emergency kit and essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (insurance), photographs and immediate care needs for dependants.
- » Prepare to move any disabled persons and children.
- » Collect pets and pet needs, including food and medication.
- » Contact an out-of-area friend or relative and let them know that you have left and where you can be found (i.e.: reception centre). Leave a note behind.
- » Turn off lights and appliances (except your refrigerator and freezer).
- » Turn off or reduce heat or air conditioning.
- » Lock your doors.
- » Check in at indicated Receptions Centres to register you and your family are safe.
- » Continue to be informed through Mountain FM, Village of Pemberton and SLRD websites for up-to-date information.