

Emergency Preparation

Your emergency preparedness is one of the most important activities that you as an individual can take to help protect yourself and your family if an emergency situation arises, these activities would include:

- Preparing a home survival kit that will provide you with the necessities that you would need in the event of a situation where there may be a prolonged power outage or a situation requiring that you to shelter in place.
- Have a plan to communicate to others that you are safe.
- You may also need to be preparing a “to go kit” in the event that there is a situation requiring an evacuation from your residence.
- Have an evacuation plan that would have a place for you to relocate to.
- Register vulnerable family members with the Vulnerable Persons Registry (<https://www.sooopr.com/Register>) so that emergency responders will be able to quickly contact, locate or assist vulnerable persons.

More Information

Other Emergency preparedness Information regarding home fire safety and prevention, winter safety preparedness, Senior’s emergency preparedness is available on the website at:

<https://billingstwp.ca/administration/emergency-preparedness/>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-preparedness-guide-people-disabilities>

Emergency Contact Information

Police

1-888-310-1122

Fire/Ambulance

911

Hydro One Report an Outage

1-800-434-1235

MNRF Forest Fire

(705) 310-3473

Ministry of Environment

1-866 663-8477

Emergency Management Ontario

1-416-326-8525

Poison Control Centre

1-844-764-7669

Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG)

Bryan Barker Mayor

Veronique Dion CAO/Clerk &

Alternate Coordinator

Tiana Mills Emergency Information Officer

Arthur Moran Emergency Management
Coordinator

Chris Cyr Public Works Superintendent

Martin Connell Fire Chief

Jim Chambers Deputy Fire Chief

You can speak to the Township Emergency
Management Coordinator

by phone (705) 282-2611 ext. 226

or email bylaw@billingstwp.ca



The Township of Billings

Emergency Management Information Pamphlet



Emergency Response in Billings

In response to its required responsibilities under the *Emergency Measures and Civil Protections Act*, The Township works with Ontario Emergency Management and has an Emergency Response Plan that has been prepared and reviewed by Emergency Management Ontario and the Township Council, and then enacted as a bylaw (Bylaw 2022-68).

The Township has an appointed a Community Emergency Coordinator and it also has a Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG). This is a group that is made up of Council members, Township staff and members of the Township fire department.

This group meets on a quarterly basis to discuss current and possible future emergency situations that the Township potentially faces and the Township's preparedness for these situations. This group also takes part in yearly training and also takes part in an emergency exercise.

Emergency Management Goals

The Townships primary goal of emergency management is to prevent, to the greatest extent possible, unexpected or non-routine events from turning into emergency situations or crisis in the first place.

Secondly, the Township shall develop plans and procedures that will assist in protecting residents, protecting infrastructure and protecting property.

Thirdly the Township shall educate its residents of basic measures that can be taken in the event that an emergency situation is impending or occurring.

Home Emergency Kit

During an emergency you may have no electrical power or be asked to evacuate.

An emergency kit contains the essential items that you and your family need to survive on your own for at least 72 hours. Keep a kit at home, work and in your car. Your kit should be easy to carry and portable such as a knapsack or suitcase. Check the contents twice a year to ensure the freshness of food and water, and refresh items if needed.

Home Kit Essentials

- Non-perishable food
- Prescription medication
- Manual can opener
- Bottled water (4L per person, per day)
- Flashlight, glow stick
- Radio (w/batteries) or crank radio
- First-aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Cell phone with chargers and backup battery
- Clothing, footwear, blankets or sleeping bags
- Moist towelettes, hand sanitizers and garbage bags for personal sanitation

"To Go" Kit

You should also have a "to go" kit ready in the event an emergency evacuation being required,

"To Go" Kit Essentials

- Extra keys and cash
- Copies of important papers (passport, insurance documents, wills etc.)

Emergency Tidbits

What is an Emergency

An emergency" means a situation or an impending situation that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or other health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise

Potential Hazards

Listed below are the most probable emergency situations that could affect Billings Township:

- Wildland fire.
- High winds/Tornado
- Winter Storm/Ice Storm
- Pandemic/Infectious Disease
- Flood

Protect Your Property from Fire Emergencies

<https://firesmartcanada.ca/>

This site will take you through the steps that you should take to protect your property in the event of a structure fire or a wildfire event

Driveways/Laneways

Always ensure that your driveway or laneway is wide enough to allow emergency vehicles safe and unobstructed access onto the property. This would include snowbanks and overhanging tree limbs.