FOREST FIRES IN EEYOU ISTCHEE

For Communities of Eeyou Istchee: Whapmagoostui Chisasibi Wemindji Eastmain Waskaganish Nemaska





If You See a Fire Approaching Your Home

If it is safe, and there is time before the fire arrives, you should take the following action:

- Close all windows and doors in the house.
- Turn off air conditioners and air ventilation systems that bring air from outside.
- Park your car, unlocked, with a full tank, keys in the ignition and positioned forward out of the driveway.
- Keep car windows closed and have your valuables already packed in your car.
- Turn off propane or natural gas.
- Turn the lights off in the house, porch, garage, and yard.
- Inside the house, move combustible materials such as light curtains and furniture away from the windows.
- Place a ladder to the roof in the front of the house (for fire fighters).
- Move all combustibles away from the house, including firewood and lawn furniture.
- Evacuate your family and pets to a safe location.

Do not forget to bring your medications and all necessities in case we Evacuate!

Stay tuned to your local radio station for up-to-date information on the forest fire and possible road closures.

For more information, contact your local First Nation Councils or CBHSSJB:

> Pre-hospital & Emergency Measures:

After hours (514) 791-1402 Working hours (418) 770-6516

My Notes:

My emergency phone #: Fire Hall

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My Radio Station Channel Fm Station:

My emergency phone #: Clinic

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Websites for more information and Updates of Fire Situation in your region:

www.sopfeu.qc.ca www.ccep.ca www.creehealth.org

Emergency evacuation registry

Keep this pamphlet in your vehicle or at home at all times. When evacuated give this card to the emergency workers stationed at the exit roads when you evacuate from the community.

People in the vehicle:

Name:	
Name:	
Destination:	
Phone number at destination:	

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Protect yourself from smoke

In case of a forest fire:

- Don't breathe deeply.
- Reduce your activity; try to avoid getting out of breath.
- In a car, keep car windows closed, and set the fan to re-circulate the inside air.
- Indoor air filtration devices with HEPA filters can reduce the levels of particles indoors.



Protect our forests

- Most forest fires in Eeyou Istchee are caused by lightning, but everyone needs to be careful during forest fire season.
- Use fire with extreme caution during the hot and dry spells—always have fire extinguisher or water / sand bucket ready when cooking outside or in a teepee.
- Don't throw cigarettes on the ground—make sure the cigarette is completely out before throwing it away.
- Don't throw cigarettes out of the car windows.

Evacuation procedure

- Pack your medication, health card, toiletries, clothing for a couple of days and cell phone + charger, and water bottles;
- Stay tuned to local radio and follow instructions about what roads to use and where to go;
- If there is no electricity at the radio station, the First Nations councils will inform the public with vehicles and speakers;
- Check on you neighbors and offer a lift to anyone who needs it;
- Write the names of everyone in your vehicle on this side of this card and give it to the emergency worker stationed on the designated exit road.
- Follow instructions from the first nations councils in your community on where to check in where you arrive at your evacuation destination.

Plan Ahead

When you can check each of the items below, you will be prepared for a Forest Fire.

Store at least a 3-day supply of drinking water and food that does not require refrigeration or cooking.

Store a portable battery or solar powered radio, flashlight, emergency cooking equipment, portable lanterns, and batteries.

Maintain First Aid supplies to treat the injured until help arrives.

Have an escape plan so that all members of the family know how to get out of the house quickly and safely.

Have a contingency plan so family members can contact each other in case they are separated during an evacuation.

Make sure all family members are familiar with STOP, DROP, and ROLL, if their clothes should catch on fire.

A supervisor designated per cluster or street!