

# KTC Emergency Services Newsletter



## March 2025

### Message from the Lead KTC Emergency Services Coordinator

Hello KTC Nation Members,

We are officially back in Wildfire Season (March 1st), and we hope you are all as ready as we are. Going forward the ES team will be continuing our focus on the census data collection as well as other educational info sessions within the 5 Nations. Within the coming months, KTCES will be conducting FireSmart Home Assessments for the Nation's members. This simple evaluation will provide valuable information to homeowners on how to take the necessary mitigation steps to protect your home. Feel free to contact one of the Emergency Service Coordinators to sign up.

If you haven't had the chance to complete the census form, now would be the best opportunity to do so. For your convenience, we included a QR code or you can contact a member of our team. "15 minutes today, prepared for tomorrow."

Stay safe, be prepared.

Joseph Auger  
Team Lead  
Emergency Services  
Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council

### Ongoing Events

- Tabletop training exercises with AEMA & Band Leadership.
- Census Data Collection
- Education & Engagement

### Last Month's Events

#### February 11, 2025

- Cadotte School - Emergency Management 101 Presentation

#### February 12, 2025

- Whitefish Interagency Meeting

#### February 13, 2025

- Emergency Management Meetings With Woodland Leadership

#### February 20-21, 2025

- Woodland ICS200

#### February 27, 2025

- Woodland Emergency Management 101 Presentation

#### February 29, 2025

- Whitefish Emergency Management 101 Presentation

### This Month's Events

#### March 6, 2025

- Trout High School - Emergency Management 101 Presentation

#### March 12-14, 2025

- ICS 300 Training

#### March 17, 2025

- WCFN Table Top Exercise

#### March 25, 2025

- Regional Emergency Management

### Next Month's Events

#### April 07-11, 2025

- KTC Wildfire Mitigation - Field Assessment for LLB, WCFN & WFLFN

#### April 15-16, 2025

- KTC ESC Leadership Training

#### April 28-May 2, 2025

- Drone Training for KTC ESC's

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# WHAT'S GOING ON?



## Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Team!

Exciting News!! KTC has become the first Indigenous led Wildland Urban Interface Team in Alberta!! KTC WUI Team consists of team members from KTC that will be deployed to communities in need of Sprinkler Protection Services due to Wildfires. The Team will also be training other community fire teams the WUI-M course, preparing and reviewing Sprinkler Protection Plans and assisting with FireSmart activities.

## Regional ICS-300 training with AEMA



Our KTC Emergency Services Coordinators are all ICS-300 Certified!!

We're proud to share that our entire team has successfully completed ICS-300 certification — along with 30+ other amazing participants from several First Nation communities in Northern Alberta!

A huge thank you to Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) for making this training opportunity possible!

## KTC Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC)

The Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) in the KTC office is Located in Edmonton.

This ECC will serve as a centralized location for managing and coordinating response efforts during emergencies or disasters.

There are various agencies/organizations who come together during emergencies to ensure a unified response. This includes local, provincial, and federal entities.



# FIRESMART HOME ASSESSMENT

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Wildfires commonly occur in Alberta from March to October, though grassfires on KTC region lands are an all-seasons hazard. It is important to prepare your home & property to reduce risks. 50% of home ignitions in wildfires are started by embers that ignite materials near homes.

One of the key ways to mitigate wildfire threats is to manage vegetation on properties in fire-prone areas



## Prepare your Home and Property

Clean roof & gutters, move firewood, propane tanks, and combustible items (furniture, toys, decorations) a minimum of 10 m away from house.



## Prepare Your Family

Have a family wildfire evacuation plan, build a 72-hour emergency kit, and conduct a FireSmart assessment of your home and property.



## Stay Safe During a Wildfire

Wildfires, and especially grassfires, move very quickly - evacuate when told to do so, shut off gas, electric, and water main hookups prior to leaving.

## APPLICATION OF FIRESMART PRINCIPLES

RECOMMENDING STEPS TO REDUCE FIRE SPREAD IN EACH PRIORITY ZONE

### HOME IGNITION ZONE

**EXTENDED ZONE**  
10m to 30m

**INTERMEDIATE ZONE**  
1.5m to 10m

**IMMEDIATE ZONE**  
0m to 1.5m



**Immediate Zone (0m - 1.5m):** Remove all ignitable material adjacent to home. Refurbish structure to reduce flammability. Prevent embers from igniting structure. Non-combustible surface should extend around the entire home and any attachments.

**Intermediate Zone (1.5m - 10m):** Limit fire spread near structures. Maintain a fire-resistant zone, free of all materials that could easily ignite from a wildfire.

**Extended Zone (10m - 30m):** Wildland fuel reduction area. Reduce hazard with clean up, Complete maintenance and landscaping practices to eliminate surface fuels.



# FIRESMART HOME ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

KTC Emergency Services is beginning an ongoing FireSmart Home Assessment Program (FHA) in all five KTC member nations. Your KTC Emergency Service Coordinators have completed advanced FireSmart training and will come and assess your home and property free of charge.

The FHA is a voluntary educational opportunity for KTC community members who want to better understand and mitigate wildfire risk at their homes, cabins, or businesses. An advanced FireSmart Home Assessment will highlight risk areas and recommend specific actions and upgrades residents can make to increase their property's resilience to wildfire\*\*

For more information or to get your property assessed:  
Call KTC Emergency Services @ (587) 408-9014

## **\*\*DISCLAIMER\*\* The KTC FHA is solely an educational program:**

If the assessment indicates that your home would benefit from upgrades, renovations, or repairs, it is **NOT** the responsibility of your local housing department to repair or upgrade it. Additionally, the results of a FHA will **NOT** affect your home insurance rates or premiums.

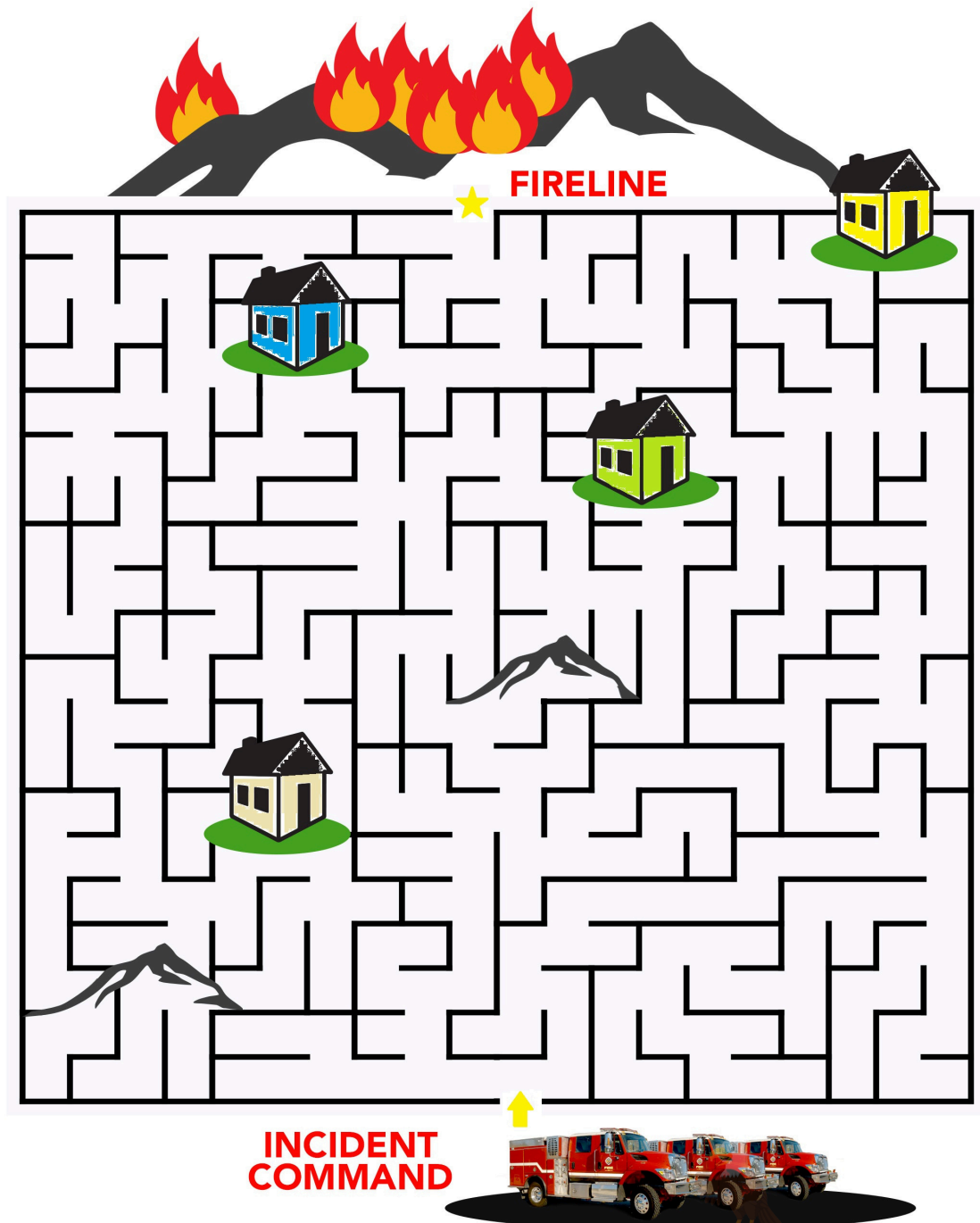


Completing FireSmart™ measures can significantly reduce the risk of wildfire damaging your home.



## STOP THE WILDFIRE MAZE

A wildfire has sparked in the hills. Help the engines move up to the fireline to put out the flames and save the homes.



# "TO-GO BAG" LIST



When evacuating your home, having a well-prepared checklist can ensure that you have the essentials for your safety and well-being.

Here's a basic list to consider:

## 1. Emergency Documents:

- Identification (IDs, passports)
- Emergency contacts list
- Medical records and prescriptions
- Insurance papers
- Financial information (bank cards, cash)
- Important personal documents (birth certificates, titles)

## 2. Personal Items:

- Cell phone and charger
- Wallet/purse with cash and credit cards
- Glasses/contact lenses and solution
- Medications and medical supplies
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, soap, etc.)
- Clothing (change of clothes for a few days)

## 3. First Aid Kit:

- Basic first aid supplies (bandages, antiseptics, etc.)
- Prescription medications
- Pain relievers
- Any necessary medical equipment (e.g., inhalers)

## 4. Food and Water:

- Bottled water (at least 1 gallon per person per day for 3 days)
- Non-perishable food items (canned goods, granola bars, etc.)
- Baby food/formula, if needed



## 6. Shelter and Comfort:

- Tent or emergency shelter (if applicable)
- Pillows or comfort items for children or pets
- Personal protective equipment (masks, gloves)

## 7. Pets:

- Pet food and water
- Leash/collars for pets
- Pet carrier
- Vet records (especially for medications)

## 8. Vehicle Essentials :

(if evacuating by car)

- Full tank of gas
- Car charger for devices
- Tire repair kit, jumper cables
- Road maps (in case of GPS failure)

## 9. Miscellaneous:

- Local maps or evacuation routes
- Cash (small bills)
- Duct tape, zip ties, or any other securing materials
- A list of any special needs or requirements for family members

# Thank You for Your Support!!



## KTC EMERGENCY SERVICES: 2025 ONLINE CENSUS

### EVACUATION PRE-REGISTRY

USE YOUR CELL CAMERA TO SCAN THE QR CODE FOR DIRECT ACCESS!\*

\* If the camera is unable to read the QR Code, Please download a QR scanning app.



**"15 MINUTES TODAY, PREPARED FOR TOMORROW!"**

## Contact us

**KTC Emergency Services**

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(587) 415-1818, ext 301

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## Proudly Serving our Nations!

