

# KTC Emergency Services Newsletter



## DECEMBER 2024

### Message from the KTC Emergency Services Coordinators (ESC's)

#### December Survival Tips: Winter Preparedness

As December brings snowy conditions, being prepared is essential. Here are key survival tips and tools for winter driving:

##### Essential Tools:

- **Emergency Kit:** Blankets, flashlight, first aid kit, non-perishable snacks, water, shovel, ice scraper.
- **Winter Tires:** Ensure your vehicle has winter tires for better traction.
- **Road Flares/Reflective Triangles:** To alert other drivers if stranded.
- **Portable Phone Charger:** Keep your phone ready for emergencies.

##### If You're Stuck in the Snow:

1. **Stay Calm:** Assess the situation.
2. **Stay with Your Vehicle:** It provides shelter and is easier for rescuers to find.
3. **Turn on Hazard Lights:** Signal for help.
4. **Clear the Exhaust Pipe:** Prevent carbon monoxide buildup.
5. **Call for Help:** Contact Your local Towing Company or AMA.
6. **Conserve Fuel:** Run your engine for heat in intervals.
7. **Signal for Help:** Use flares or triangles if you have them.
8. **Stay Active:** Move around to keep warm.

**Prepare well, drive safely, and enjoy the winter season!**

#### Ongoing Events

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

#### Last Month's Events

- Elder Emergency Management Discussion Meetings

**November 4-6, 2024:**

- 2024 First Nation Emergency Management Conference

**November 19, 2024**

- Multilateral Roundtable Discussion

**November 20, 2024**

- Treaty 8 Emergency Management Meeting

**November 21, 2024**

- KTC Annual General Meeting

#### This Month's Events

- Elder Emergency Management Discussion Meetings

**December 23-January 3, 2024**

- Christmas Break; KTC offices Closed

#### Next Month's Events

- Community Emergency Management Discussion Meetings
- WCFN ICS Training
- KTC EM Regional Roundtable Exercises



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# WINTERIZING YOUR HOME



## Home Exterior Vents and Meters

Clearing exterior house vents and meters during the winter is essential to ensure proper airflow, prevent ice and snow blockages, and maintain efficient operation of heating systems and appliances. Blocked vents can lead to carbon monoxide buildup, while covered meters can interfere with accurate readings and emergency access.



## Reduce The Risk

**As we embrace the cozy season, please remember to store your firewood according to Canada FireSmart regulations:**



### KTC EMERGENCY SERVICES WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION **BACKYARD BURNING SAFETY**



Unattended backyard burn barrels or burn piles are among the most common ignition points for wildfires. When burning is conducted in close proximity to communities, the risk of negative impacts is heightened.

#### SAFE BURNING PRACTICES: If you must burn...

- Ignite barrels or piles in the evening, avoiding the heat of the day
- Trim grass short and remove any ignitable material from an area at least 3 metres around the burn site
- Position your burn barrel or pile on exposed soil or rock
- Keep burn barrels or piles at least 30 metres away from structures
- If using a burn barrel, cover top with a mesh screen to reduce risk of embers or sparks escaping
- Respect regional fire advisories or bans, and don't burn when it's hot and dry
- Burn debris in small "batches" not huge "bonfires"
- Keep the fire under control at all times
- Have a hose, water source, or fire extinguisher close by and be ready to use it
- Monitor your fire at all times, no matter the season - wildfires can happen even in the winter

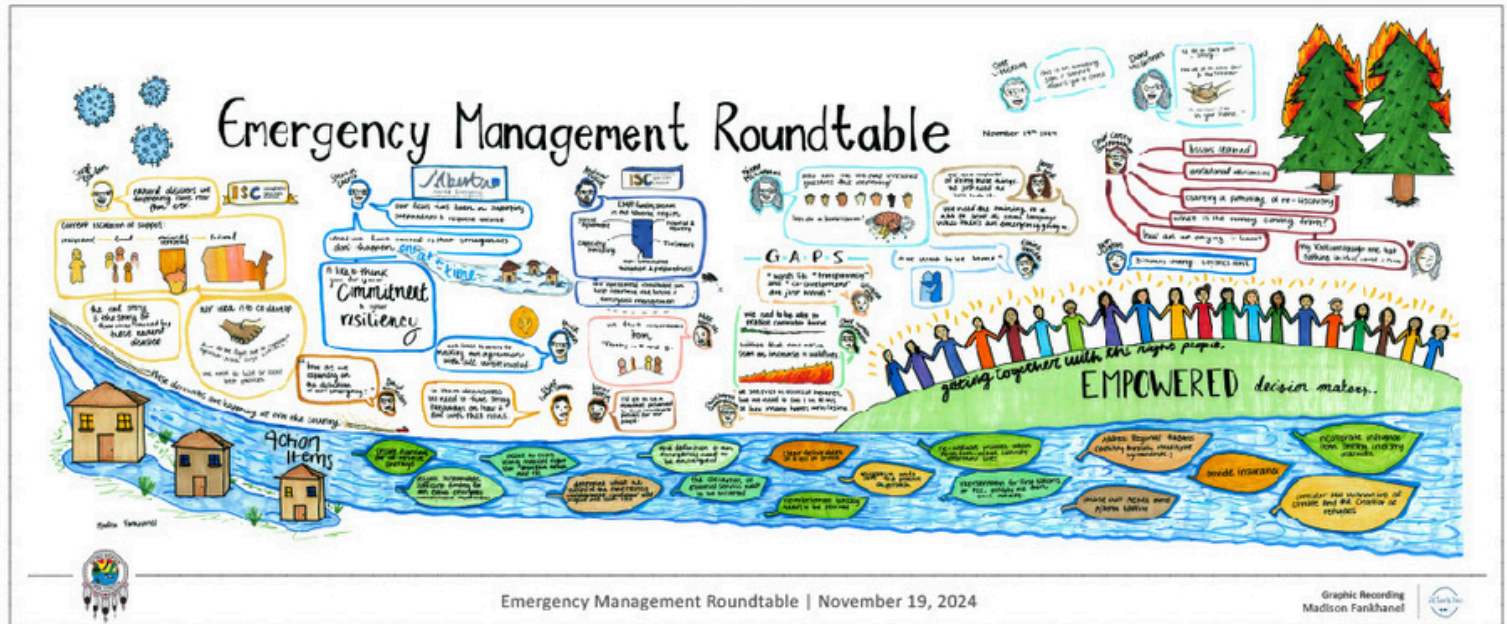
**STAY VIGILANT, STAY PREPARED, AND STAY SAFE!**



# OUR RECENT ACTIVITIES AND ENDEAVORS



## Multilateral Roundtable Discussion



Emergency management in Canada is a collaborative effort among federal, provincial, and territorial governments, alongside Indigenous partners.

- Local Level: First Nations play a crucial role in managing emergencies.
- Provincial/Territorial Governments: Support local responses and coordination.
- Federal Government: Through Indigenous Services Canada's Emergency Management Assistance Program, they assist with emergencies on reserves, including floods, wildfires, and infrastructure failures.

Understanding these roles is essential for effective preparedness and response.





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## Treaty 8 Emergency Management Meeting



**Multilateral conversations are significantly enhancing emergency management within Treaty 8 Territory. Here's how:**

- **Tribal Council Leadership.** A Tribal Council oversees training and emergency coordination for First Nations communities, moving away from provincial management.
- **Indigenous Organization Management.** An Indigenous organization now handles regional NSMP funding allocations, taking charge of financial resources instead of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).
- **Emergency Operations Support.** The establishment of Indigenous Emergency Operations Centers and support for Indigenous-led emergency response organizations strengthens local capacities.
- **Guaranteed Funding.** Each community benefits from guaranteed funding allocations, ensuring they have the resources needed for effective emergency management.
- **Service Standards.** Clear standards are implemented for processing response and recovery claims, as well as funding application decisions.

Treaty 8 is instrumental in empowering First Nations by promoting self-determination in emergency management, paving the way for the development of various First Nations-led frameworks across Canada, which can also be explored in Alberta.



# WINTER SEASON UPDATES!



## Cellphone Apps: Download these Apps to stay informed.



### ATCO My Electricity

Stay informed during power outages! When the lights go out, it's crucial to understand when they will be restored and the reasons behind the outage. My ATCO Electricity offers timely updates on any outages affecting you within our service area, along with location-specific information to keep you in the loop.



### My Alberta Apps

Stay informed with the Alberta Fire Bans, Wildfire, and AEA mobile app! These tools provide reliable information on active fire advisories, fire restrictions, fire bans, and OHV restrictions throughout Alberta. For more details, visit the MyAlberta website to ensure you're always up to date and prepared.



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### WeatherCAN

See current conditions and the next 24 hours with detailed forecasts

## KTC Emergency Services Pre-Evacuation 2024 Census



This information is being collected to pre-register individuals for a potential community evacuation.

To ensure proper registration and facilitate reimbursement for evacuation expenses, we need to gather treaty numbers and household details for each community member.

This data will be used exclusively by KTC Emergency Services to streamline evacuation processes and prioritize the safety of all KTC community members.

# SEASONS GREETINGS FROM OUR KTCES TEAM



*Merry  
Christmas!*



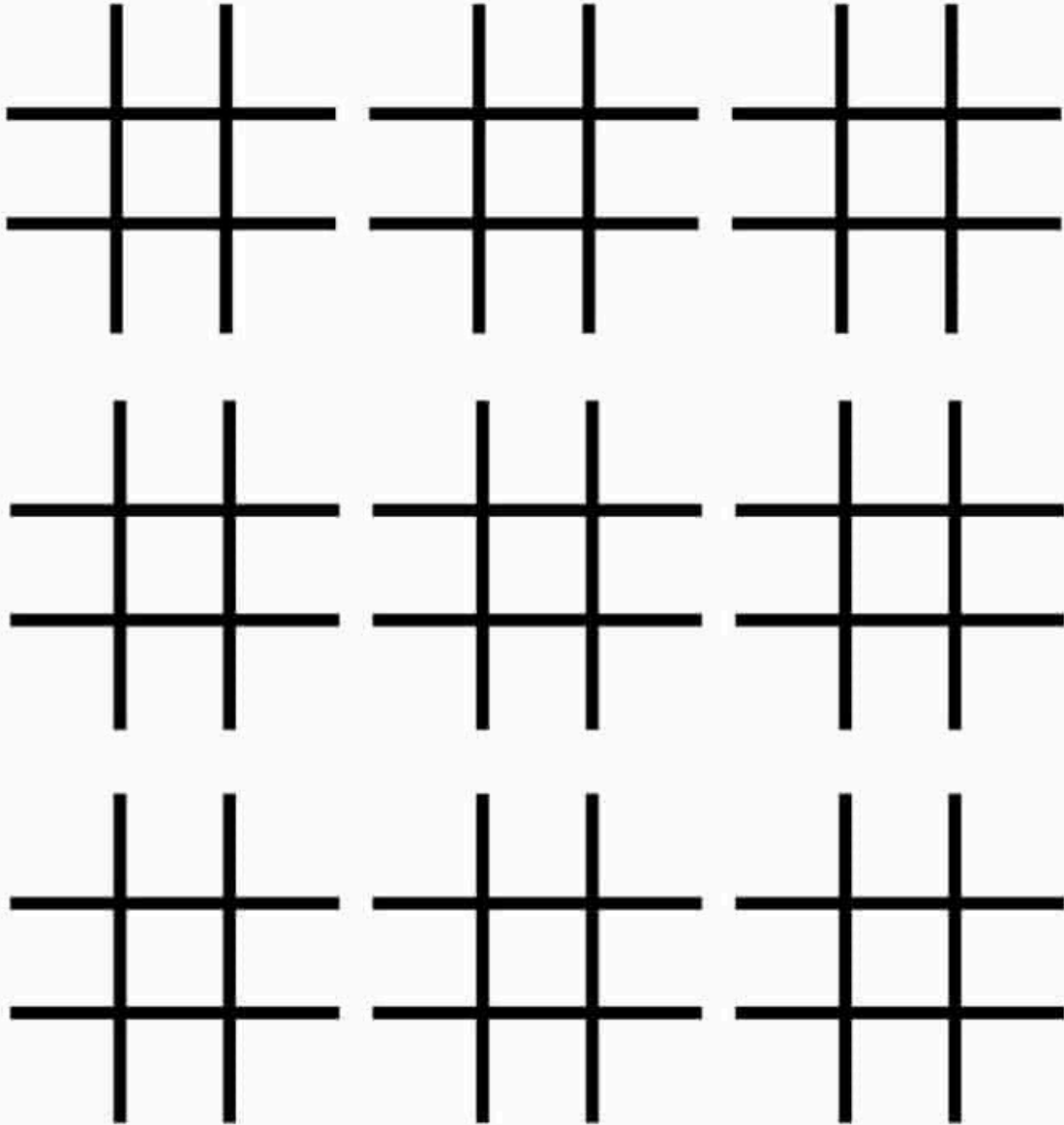


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**Proudly Serving our Nations!**

