

# KTC Emergency Services Newsletter



## NOVEMBER 2024

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

Winter roads can be tricky, but by taking precautions, **YOU** can stay safe and in control! Whether it's snow, ice, or sleet, we've got the tips you need to drive confidently and protect yourself and others on the road.

**Slow Down, and Stay in Control!** Ice and snow can make even the familiar roads slippery. Reduce speed and give yourself extra time to react.

**Check Your Tires!** Make sure your tires are winter-ready—good traction can make all the difference!

**Prepare for the Unexpected:** Keep an emergency kit in your car—snacks, blankets, flashlight, and more!

**Clear the Snow!** Always clear your windows, mirrors, and roof before hitting the road.

**Stay Calm, Stay Focused!** Winter driving can be stressful, but staying alert and calm is key.

Stay safe, stay warm, and drive smart this winter!



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Scan this QR code with  
your phone to access the  
KTC Emergency Services  
on Facebook!



### Ongoing Events

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

### Last Month's Events

**October 2-3, 2024:**

- Regional KTC training with AEMA

**October 16, 2024:**

- Woodland Cree First Nation  
FireSmart Community BBQ

**October 29-30, 2024:**

- National Community of Practice  
Gathering: Housing & Infrastructure  
Service Delivery.

### This 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

### Next Month's Events

**December 23-January 3, 2024**

- Christmas Break; KTC offices Closed

# WINTERIZING YOUR HOME



## Inspect and Clean Your Heating System



- **Furnace Inspection:** Have your furnace professionally serviced to ensure it's running efficiently.
- **Replace Filters:** Replace air filters to improve airflow and heating efficiency.
- **Check Ductwork:** Ensure there are no leaks in the ductwork, as they can waste heat.
- **Test Your Thermostat:** Make sure your thermostat is working properly and consider upgrading to a programmable one for better energy savings.

Source: CHATgpt.com

## Stock Up on Emergency Supplies



- **Food and Water:** Keep non-perishable food items and bottled water in case of long power outages or severe weather.
- **Batteries:** Stock up on batteries for flashlights and other essential devices.
- **First Aid Kit:** Ensure your first aid kit is stocked with essentials for winter emergencies.
- **Warm Clothing and Blankets:** Have extra blankets, warm clothing, and hand warmers on hand for unexpected cold snaps.

Source: CHATgpt.com

## Prepare for Snow and Ice



- **Stock Up on Supplies:** Ensure you have a supply of salt, sand, or ice melt for walkways and driveways.
- **Snow Shovels:** Check that snow shovels or a snow blower are in good working condition.
- **Driveway Grading:** If your driveway is prone to heavy ice buildup, consider adding a gravel or asphalt overlay to improve drainage.

Source: CHATgpt.com

# OUR RECENT ACTIVITIES AND ENDEAVORS



## FIRE Smart Community BBQ's



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### PEERLESS/TROUT FN



Image Credit: Antoinette Willer, KTC Emergency Services

### LOON RIVER



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### WHITEFISH



Image Credit: Antoinette Willer, KTC Emergency Services

### LUBICON



Image Credit: Antoinette Willer, KTC Emergency Services

### WOODLAND



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**FIRESMART RESOURCES**

"We did it!"

A huge thank you to FireSmart Canada for their generous sponsorship of our FireSmart Community BBQ and for sharing invaluable resources with us. Your support truly makes a difference!

We're also incredibly grateful to all the nations and communities that participated in this year's Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. Your involvement and enthusiasm made the event a resounding success.

Every activity highlighted the importance of FireSmart initiatives in keeping our communities safe.

Together, let's continue to implement FireSmart practices, build resilience, and protect what matters most. Here's to making safety a shared priority for all!

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## 2024 First Nation Emergency Management Conference



On November 5 and 6, 2024, the KTC Emergency Services team proudly attended the 2024 First Nation Emergency Management Conference, contributing to critical discussions and initiatives to enhance emergency preparedness and resilience in First Nation communities.

Key topics explored during the conference included:

- **Building Capacity.** Strengthening local emergency response capabilities.
- **Multilateral Agreements and AEMA Services.** Advancing collaboration between agencies.
- **Wildland Urban Interface Program.** Strategies for managing risks at the intersection of urban areas and natural landscapes.
- **Non-Structural Mitigation and FireSmart Program.** Reducing risks through proactive measures and community education.
- **Emergency Fire Fighters Program.** Supporting specialized training for First Nation emergency responders.
- **911 on Reserve.** Expanding access to critical emergency services in First Nation communities.
- **Roles of Tribal Councils and Treaty Organizations in Emergencies.** Highlighting the importance of clearly defining roles within the Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP).
- **Evacuee Tracking and High-Risk Identification.** Developing effective strategies to ensure the safety and accountability of individuals during emergencies.

This event underscored the importance of collaboration between First Nation communities, government agencies, and supporting organizations to address unique challenges and foster resilience in the face of emergencies. The KTC Emergency Services team remains committed to advancing these critical efforts and supporting First Nation communities.

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## KTC Emergency Services Engagement Sessions with Elders



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Community discussions on emergency management are vital because they prepare residents, build trust, and feedback from these discussion help us create tailored response plans that suit local needs. These conversations make people aware of risks, and help identify resources and vulnerabilities within the community that can support emergency plans and preparations. Involving everyone ensures that even the most vulnerable groups receive support, improving overall response and recovery. We scheduled meetings with community Elders in all KTC member Nations, to talk about Emergency Management in our KTC communities and will use the knowledge and perspectives we have gained to better support all KTC Nations.

Source: CHATgpt.com

## Interested in Volunteering?



Volunteers play a critical role in emergency management by providing essential support during crises. They help fill gaps in resources, offer hands-on assistance, and work alongside emergency responders to meet the immediate needs of affected communities. Volunteers bring local knowledge, compassion, and skills that enhance response efforts, from organizing supplies and guiding evacuations to offering emotional support. Their presence not only speeds up recovery but also fosters a sense of community and resilience, helping people feel connected and supported during challenging times. [Volunteering opportunities available soon!](#)

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# WINTER SEASON UPDATES!



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



### **AEA**

(Alberta Emergency Alerts)

Stay informed during emergencies



### **511 Alberta**

Provides up to the minute traffic and transit information for Alberta.



Be #WeatherWise

Canada

### **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.

Source: CHATgpt.com

# GET CREATIVE!



Use multiple mediums (acrylic, charcoal, watercolor, etc.)  
to fill this poppy **red**!

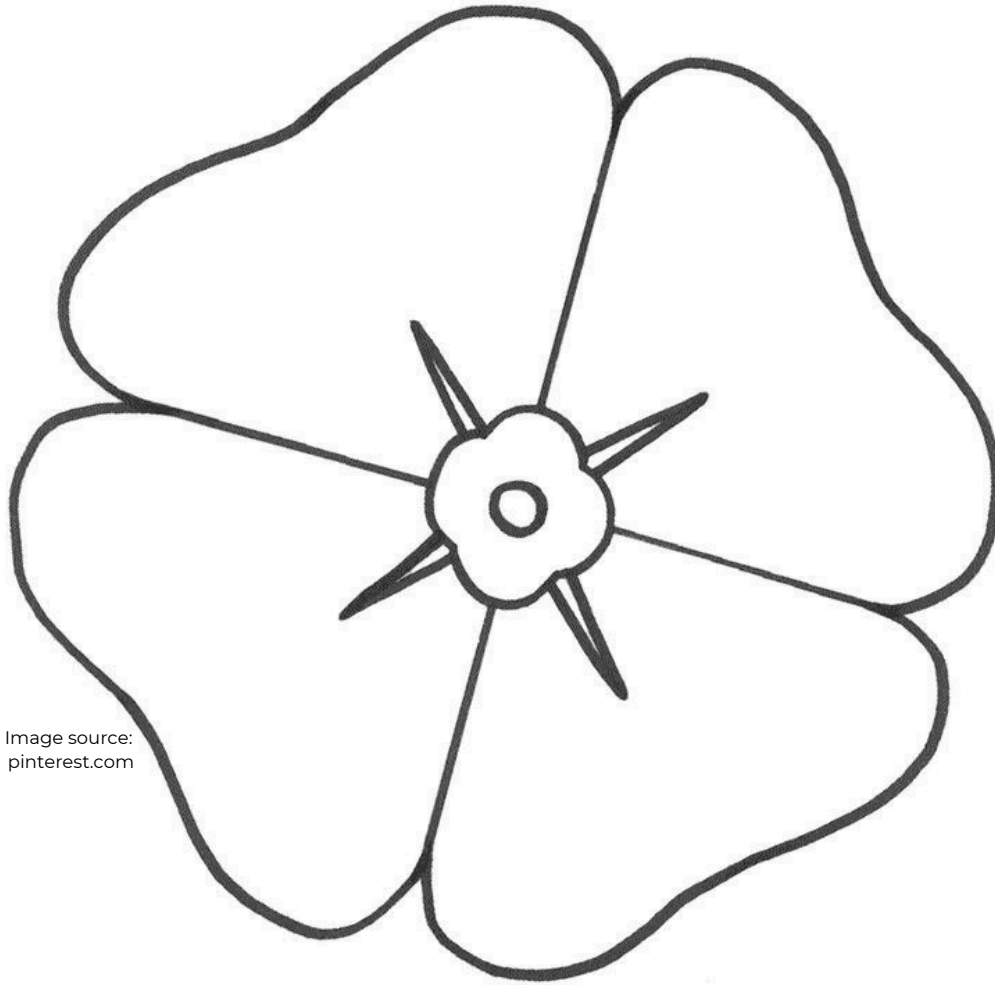


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## In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the  
sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset  
glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now  
we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it  
high.

If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow  
In Flanders fields.

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poetryfoundation.org

## Proudly Serving Our Nations

