

# KTC Emergency Services Newsletter



## AUGUST 2025

### Message from the KTC Emergency Services Coordinators (ESCs)

August marks the shift from warm summer days to the cooler, shorter days of autumn. Many people enjoy this time of year as they get ready to go back to school, harvest gardens, or take in the last bit of summer fun. The weather slowly begins to change, and we start to see more wind and rain.

This August, Canada has experienced several natural disasters. Multiple wildfires have been burning in Alberta, causing smoke to spread across other provinces. At the same time, thunder and lightning storms have been happening in different parts of the country, bringing heavy rain and strong winds. These events can be dangerous for people, animals, and the environment.

That's why it's important to stay aware and be prepared. Families should have emergency kits, listen to weather warnings, and know what to do if they need to leave their homes. By paying attention and having a plan, we can stay safe during these unpredictable times.

Even during hard times, people show resiliency. This means staying strong, helping each other, and not giving up. Communities come together to support firefighters, clean up damage, and take care of those in need. When we work together and stay hopeful, we can get through tough challenges and grow even stronger.

### Ongoing Events

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

### Next Month's Events

#### September 01, 2025

- STAT - Labour Day

#### September 09-11, 2025

- Treaty Days - PTFN#478

#### September 22-25, 2025

- WCFN #474 - Hunting Week

#### September 30, 2025

- STAT - National Day for Truth & reconciliation

### This Month's Events

#### August 5 - 6, 2025

- Treaty Days - WFLFN#459

#### August 12-14, 2025

- KTC Professional Development

#### August 19, 2025

- World Humanitarian Day

#### August 27 - 30, 2025

- Treaty Days - LRFN#476

### Did you know?

In June 2025, Canada had already surpassed its annual average for wildfire damage—over 3.15 million hectares burned, with many fires fueled by lightning and scorching western heat. Experts warn this season could rival the record-breaking 2023.



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# FIRE STEWARDSHIP



## Indigenous Fire Stewardship



*Photo Credit: Parks Canada*

Indigenous fire stewardship encourages the use of cultural burning by Indigenous Peoples in Canada. This traditional practice supports biodiversity, helps manage natural resources, and reduces wildfire risk by clearing excess vegetation. Parks Canada supports these efforts by Collaborating with Indigenous communities to overcome challenges like training and resources, Partnering to restore cultural burning in national parks and historic sites and/or Supporting Indigenous Guardian programs.

*For further information visit <https://parks.canada.ca/>*

Prescribed fire is a colonial adaptation of cultural burning practiced by many different Indigenous groups in Canada. While some of the objectives may be the same, there are many differences between the two.

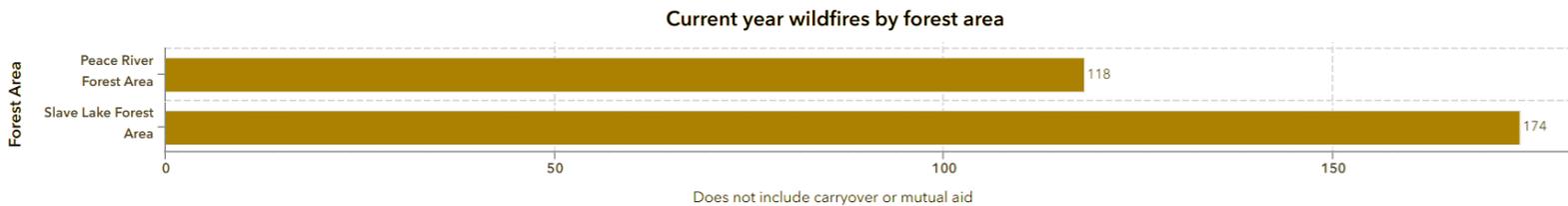
<b>Cultural burning</b>	<b>Prescribed fire</b>
Indigenous-led	Agency driven
Cultural objectives	Hazard reduction or ecological objectives
Indigenous knowledge-driven (when and how to burn)	Western science knowledge-driven (when and how to burn)
Primarily slow, cool burns ("fires we can walk beside")	Fire intensity varies depending on objectives
Family-centered	Parks Canada follows the Incident Command System structure
Traditional fire ignition methods	Use of accelerants and specialized tools (Gasoline/diesel mixtures; Drip torches, heli-torches, etc.)

# FIRESMART



## Wildfire Updates Across KTC Nations

As of August 18, 2025, there have been 989 wildfires across Alberta. The Slave Lake Forest Area ranks second with 174 wildfires, making up 17.6% of the total. Peace River comes in third with 118 wildfires, or about 11.9%. Northern Alberta continues to see a high level of wildfire activity this season.



Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience>

### Peace River Forest Area

Website: [www.alberta.ca/wildfire-update-peace-river-forest-area](http://www.alberta.ca/wildfire-update-peace-river-forest-area)

### Slave Lake Forest Area

Website: [www.alberta.ca/wildfire-update-peace-river-forest-area](http://www.alberta.ca/wildfire-update-peace-river-forest-area)

## Wildfire Update Contacts

### Peace River Forest Area

**Tannis McNabb**

780-617-4851

[tannis.mcnabb@gov.ab.ca](mailto:tannis.mcnabb@gov.ab.ca)

### Slave Lake Forest Area

**Leah Lovequist**

780-849-0945

[leah.lovequist@gov.ab.ca](mailto:leah.lovequist@gov.ab.ca)

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Information line: 1-866-394-3473 (FYI-FIRE)

Media inquiries: 780-420-1968 | Email: [wildfireinfo@gov.ab.ca](mailto:wildfireinfo@gov.ab.ca)

## Apps To Download



Alberta Emergency Alert  
app



Alberta Wildfire Status  
app



# KTC EMERGENCY SERVICES

## 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.

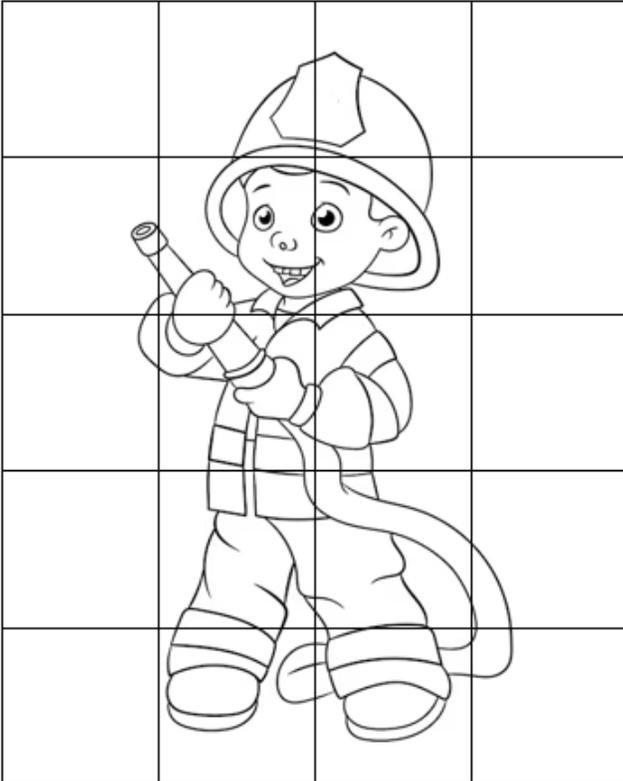


Completing FireSmart™ measures can significantly reduce the risk of wildfire damaging your home.

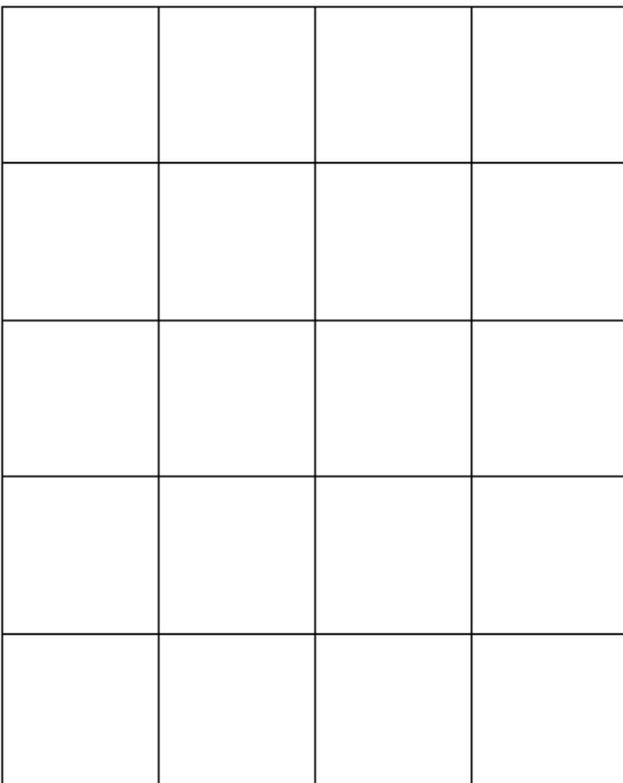
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## Drawing Puzzle & Coloring



*Redraw this Image.*



*Color me!*

# CHECK LIST



## EMERGENCY EVACUATION – ITEMS TO GATHER

# of Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers \_\_\_\_\_ Trailers \_\_\_\_\_ Motorcycles \_\_\_\_\_

### 15-minute warning/Primary Essentials:

- Important Documents:
  - IDs (Passports, driver's license)
  - Insurance papers (home, health, car)
  - Medical records, medication
  - Birth certificate, deeds, etc.
  - Emergency contact list, (hard copy)
- Medication & Medical Essentials:
  - Prescription meds (few days' supply)
  - Inhalers, EpiPens, Glasses/Contacts
- Cash: Small bills and coins
- Payment Cards: Debit/Credit/Gift Cards
- Communication: Cell phone(s), charger(s), Power bank
- Keys: House, car, safe
- Children Essentials: (if applicable)
  - Diapers, Formula, Baby Food, Medication
  - Favorite toy/blanket
- Pet Essentials: (if applicable)
  - Carrier(s), Leash
  - Pet Food, Water Bowl, Medication
  - Favorite toy/blanket
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### 1-hour warning/Tertiary Essentials:

- 3-day food, special diet items
- Address book, phone list
- Battery radio, extra batteries
- Computer, Monitor, Laptop, USBs/Digital Storage Unit
- Financial, medical data; Wills, Powers of Attorney
- Genealogy records, files
- Gloves, dust mask for smoke
- Ice cooler w/ ice, food, drinks
- Jewelry & most-valuable personal possessions
- Other meds, supplements
- Paper plates, cups, utensils
- Personal property list, photos & appraisals, documentation
- Pet food, dishes, bedding, litter
- Pillows, sleeping bags, blankets
- School items, homework, pen, pencil, books, calculator, paper
- Take or safeguard guns, ammo
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### 30-Minute warning/Secondary Essentials:

- (all the above, plus)
- Basic clothing & Personal Items:
  - 3+ Changes of clothing, Underwear, Socks
  - Weather-appropriate items (Jacket, hat, rain gear, shoes/boots)
- Hygiene Supplies:
  - Toothbrush/Toothpaste
  - Toilet paper, hand wipes, hand sanitizer, soap
  - Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons)
- Food & Water:
  - Snacks (non-perishable: Protein bars, nuts)
  - Water Bottles/ Gal. jugs of drinking water
- Emergency Tools:
  - Flashlight (with Batteries)
  - Multi-tool/pocketknife
  - Whistle
  - First aid kit/ medical items
- Sentimental/irreplaceable items: Family photos, heirlooms (if small & easy to carry)
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### 2-hour+ warning/Quaternary Essentials:

- Albums, photos, home videos
- Camping equipment, tent
- Family photos on display
- Heirlooms, art, collections
- Historical/Military decorations, records, mementoes, plaques
- Journals, diaries, letters
- Luggage (packed)
- Primary cosmetics
- Secondary Vehicles, RV
- Valuable items, cameras
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### MISCELLANEOUS:

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# IMPORTANT NUMBERS



**Alberta 211 – 24/7 support**

**Call: 2-1-1**  
**Text: 'info' to 211**  
**visit: [ab.211.ca](http://ab.211.ca)**



**GoA Active Emergency Updates**

**Call centre: 310-4455**  
**(available in 200+ languages)**

**Monday to Friday**  
**8:15 am to 4:30 pm**

**Visit:**  
**[alberta.ca/emergency](http://alberta.ca/emergency)**



**Alberta Supports**

**Contact Centre:**  
**1-877-644-9992**

**Visit:**  
**<https://myalbertasupports.alberta.ca/>**

**Hope for Wellness Helpline**

**Hope for Wellness 24/7 Hotline**

**Call: 1-855-242-3310**  
**Visit:**  
**[www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca)**



**Alberta Health Services**

**24-hour Mental Health**

**Help Line: 1-877-303-2642**

**<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/amh/amh.aspx>**



**24-hour Emergency income support**

**Call: 1-866-644-5135**  
**(outside Edmonton area)**  
**780-644-5135 (Edmonton)**

**Visit:**  
**[alberta.ca/emergency-financial-assistance](http://alberta.ca/emergency-financial-assistance)**



**24-hour Health Link**

**Call: 8-1-1**  
**Text: "Heat"/ "Wildfire" to 88111**

**Visit:**  
**[MyHealth.Alberta.ca/811](http://MyHealth.Alberta.ca/811)**



**Alberta Indigenous Virtual Care Clinic (AIVCC)**

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**Call: 1-888-342-4822**  
**Visit: [aivcc.ca/](http://aivcc.ca/)**



**Government of Canada**

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**Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB)**

**Call: 1-800-232-7301**  
**Visit: [canada.ca/nihb](http://canada.ca/nihb)**

# Thank You for Your Support!!



## KTC EMERGENCY SERVICES: 2025 ONLINE REGISTRY

### 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**

TOLL- FREE NUMBER:  
(587) 415-1818, ext 301

DIRECT LINE:  
(587) 408-9014

**Proudly Serving our Nations!**

