



Are You 72 Hours Prepared?



Although the consequences of various disasters can be similar, knowing the risks in your region can help you better prepare. Across Canada, hazards can range from floods, earthquakes, blizzards, ice storms, violent wind storms and tornadoes. In addition to natural disasters, other types of risks may include industrial or transportation accidents, technological events such as power outages, biological events (e.g., an influenza outbreak) and/or intentional acts.

There are steps that all Albertans should take to prepare for emergency events and you can plan based on potential risks that are prevalent in your region. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada recommends that you should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. Plan for self-reliance by discussing emergency procedures with all family members and by creating a written emergency plan.

Your plan should include ensuring that all household members know where all exits to the home are, and where the outdoor designated meeting place (muster point) is located. Teach children from a young age how, and in what circumstances, to dial 911. Agree on a system to contact and meet with absent family members.

Keep basic emergency supplies on hand, including water (at least 2 liters per person per day), non-perishable food, manual can opener, flashlight and radio, spare batteries and a first aid kit. Take into consideration any special needs of family members, like specific dietary needs, prescription medication and supplies for infants.

Have some cash on hand, as automated bank machines and their networks will not work if a power outage is part of the emergency.

Remember to prepare for your pets and livestock in a similar manner, with provision for food and water that will last 72 hours.

Warnings for severe weather events are posted by Environment Canada and other weather services, and computer apps are available for electronic devices.

For additional information on learning how you and your family can prepare yourselves for an emergency or disaster, visit Emergency Preparedness Alberta at: www.alberta.ca/emergency-preparedness

Being 72 hours prepared will not stop a disaster, but it can help you cope.

For power outages, emergency power troubles and service requests, contact the distribution system operator for FENN REA: **ATCO Electric**
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Farm Equipment Road Safety

With harvest time just around the corner, we want to remind members to plan and implement the safe movement of farm equipment along Alberta's highways. Following are examples of the most common causes of accidents.

- ✓ The most frequent type of *single-vehicle collision* is a farm tractor being driven too close to the shoulder and rolling into the ditch.
- ✓ The most common type of *multiple-vehicle collision* is a farm machine being hit as it is turning onto a public road from another roadway.
- ✓ There is a high number of *rear-end collisions*, usually occurring at intersections and caused by motorists underestimating the size and speed of farm equipment.
- ✓ A large number of collisions occur when farm equipment is *making a left hand turn* where operators fail to signal or the signal is not visible to other traffic.

For more information, you can download the PDF—*Safe Transportation of Farm Equipment in Alberta* at www.agriculture.alberta.ca/publications.



Rules for School Bus Safety

September means 'back to school' with buses back on track delivering children to and from education facilities.

Key rules to follow are:

- ✓ When the school bus stops to let students on or off, its alternating red lights will begin flashing and a stop sign will extend from the left side of the school bus. For both directions, you must come to a full stop about 20 meters (about four to five car lengths) away from the school bus.
- ✓ On a highway divided by a median when approaching a school bus from the rear, follow the same procedures as you would for a highway that is not divided. When approaching from the front with amber or red lights flashing, you may proceed with caution.
- ✓ If you pass a school bus that has alternating amber lights flashing, pass with extreme caution as amber lights are usually a precursor to red flashing lights. If you decide to pass, keep an eye out for children and adults who may be waiting for the red lights to begin flashing indicating a full stop.



Regulated Rate Option (RRO)

The RRO rate may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you receive the default RRO rate.

For July 2019, the RRO is priced at \$0.06800 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For August 2019, the Battle River Power Coop monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.06800; the billing rate charged to FENN REA members is \$0.06800. The RRO rate is also listed on www.fennrea.com.

The delivery of electricity to you is not affected by your choice. If you change who you purchase electricity services from, you will continue receiving electricity from the distribution company in your service area.

For information about the electricity industry and for a list of Alberta licensed retailers, visit the Utilities Consumer Advocate at www.ucahelps.alberta.ca or call toll free 310-4822. For a list of retailers registered within the FENN REA area visit: www.fennrea.com.

Information on **FENN REA's Code of Conduct Compliance Plan** can be found on our website: www.fennrea.com