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May

May 7 – 13, 2023

Emergency Preparedness Week

GetPrepared.ca



Canada

Emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time, and can be of varying severity. Our Taber region has seen a number over the years, including flooding (2018), tornado warnings (2020), train derailments (2022), bomb threats (2019), windstorms (2021), and even wild animal escapes (ostriches 2022) to name a few. It's important that you take the opportunity and take steps to prepare for an emergency. **Do you know what you would do in an emergency situation? How would you act? What would you take? Where would you go? What about members of your family?** These are all questions you should be able to answer BEFORE an emergency happens.

The 2022 Preparedness Survey for Albertans (see page 2) confirmed Albertans are more concerned about the hazards but are doing less to reduce their risk. 43% of Albertans feel unprepared (up 2 points from 2021), and 87% are concerned about the impact of extreme weather (up 6 points from 2021). That's why the Town is providing information here and on our social media accounts.

We have also included information on types of emergencies and resources in every Corn Husk Chronicles edition for the past few months. You can see previous tips in older Corn Husk Chronicles at www.taber.ca/cornhusk.

There is information within the next pages that will help you get a head-start on becoming more prepared. The Town encourages you to use these pages as easy checklists! Cut them out, take them with you when shopping/organizing, and place them in a conspicuous place in your home (like the fridge) so you are reminded.

Even small actions today can help you feel more prepared tomorrow!

Scheduled Meetings

The public is welcome to attend:

Council

Special/Regular Meetings:

May 8th: 3:30 pm @
Council Chambers

May 23rd: 3:30 pm @
Council Chambers

*We encourage the public to view the
livestream or recordings of Council
meetings at www.taber.ca/livestream*

Recreation Board

May 4th: 5:30 pm @
Council Chambers

Library Board

May 11th: 5:15 pm @
Library Board Room

Development Authority (MPC)

May 15th: 1:30 pm @
Council Chambers

Arts & Heritage Committee

May 16th: 5:30 pm @
Council Chambers

Municipal Police Commission

May 17th: 4:30 pm @
Council Chambers

*The above dates are subject to changes
at any time. See www.taber.ca/calendar
for most current meeting info.*

Victoria Day Closures

Our offices will be closed
Monday, May 22nd, 2023
for Victoria Day

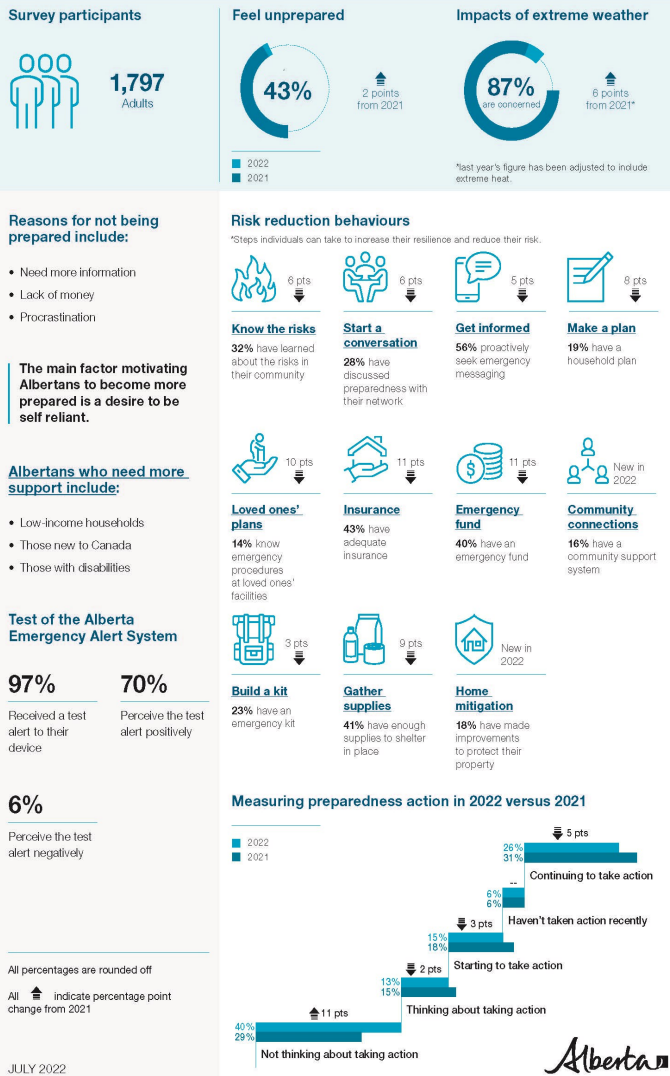
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Preparedness survey of Albertans 2022 | Government of Alberta

The second in a series of annual surveys to measure preparedness knowledge and actions. The Government of Alberta's [Be Prepared program](#) is available to support communities in their efforts to encourage resilience at the local level.



How Can You Prepare Without Spending a Lot of Money?

Being prepared doesn't have to be costly.

- Learn about the risks in your community and start writing down your plan.
- Talk to loved ones about what you might do and where you would go.
- Build networks of support by getting to know your neighbours. They may be the first to lend a hand.
- Build an emergency kit with items from your home, including important documents. Over time, add items. Check thrift shops and dollar stores for deals!
- Write down items you can't live without, like photo albums, for a quick grab and go.
- Update your contact list so you can reach loved ones.
- Download the free Alberta Emergency Alert app.

How Can You Prepare to Evacuate?

Local authorities only evacuate communities when lives are at risk. You can receive an evacuation **alert** or an evacuation **order**.

An **alert** means you should prepare to leave on short notice. Gather enough supplies to keep your family and pets comfortable for at least 72 hours, and store them at the front door or in your vehicle. Fill up your fuel tank or set up transportation if you don't have a vehicle. Stay tuned to your trusted sources of information for updates.

If you receive an evacuation **order**, you are at risk and need to leave immediately. If time permits, grab your important supplies. Follow instructions from authorities, including evacuation routes. Taking shortcuts is dangerous.

Shelter in Place

A shelter-in-place advisory is a public safety and risk-reduction measure issued if there is an outdoor threat to life safety and where an evacuation would be a greater risk. To shelter in place is to protect yourself by finding the safest area near you and putting as much distance and as many barriers between you and the threat as possible. Plan for different situations. For example, you may be travelling or stuck in traffic, at home with friends and family or at the office. Each situation will require a different approach. Learn more at <https://www.alberta.ca/shelter-in-place-advisories-severe-weather-hazardous-air.aspx>

Build Emotional Preparedness

Coping and wellness actions can help you think clearer, make informed decisions and recognize when it is time to ask for help. Emergencies and disasters take a toll on your mental health, so it is important to know that there are resources available to help. 211 Alberta has a number of resources. There is also an Alberta-wide 24/7 Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642.

Emergencies vs Disasters

What is the difference between the two? An **emergency** is a situation that requires a speedy response to save lives and to protect property. These are events that first responders such as firefighters, police, and paramedics will respond to on a regular basis, such as an automobile collision, a house robbery, or a residential fire. A **disaster** is a much more serious event and threatens or causes widespread losses and damage. Disasters will disrupt everyday life and essential functions. Examples of disasters could be a flash flood in an urban area, a tornado in a populated area, or a long power outage in the middle of winter.

Info on this page sourced from the Government of Alberta

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Will you be ready in an emergency

When dangerous situations arise, it's important to act quickly. Having an emergency kit can help reduce the stress of making important decisions in urgent situations.

Get ready by building a kit. Choose bins, backpacks or rolling suitcases and fill them with supplies to last several days. Store them in a place where you can grab them quickly and easily.

Here's what to pack

Food and water

- Water (4L per person per day)
- Non-perishable food with high protein
- Trail mix/dried fruit
- Crackers and cereals
- Canned meat, fish and beans
- Canned/boxed juice

Clothing and bedding

- Change(s) of clothing appropriate for the season
- Extra undergarments and socks
- Raincoat, poncho, jacket
- Spare shoes
- Sleeping bag, blanket or emergency heat blanket

Light and fuel

- Battery-powered or crank flashlights/lamps
- Candles with candleholder
- Lighter
- Waterproof matches

Equipment

- Manual can opener
- Dishes and utensils
- Battery-powered or crank radio
- Extra batteries
- Pen and paper
- Pocket knife
- Duct tape
- Whistle
- Cell phone
- Extra charging cables and batteries
- Multi-tool and work gloves

Personal Supplies and Medication

- First-aid kit
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Tissue paper, toilet paper, and paper towels
- Over-the-counter medications and prescription
- Copies of prescriptions
- Back-up pair(s) of prescription glasses
- Pet food and supplies (including toys)
- Liquid detergent and soap
- Plastic wrap, aluminum foil, re-sealable bags
- Garbage and recycle bags
- Hand sanitizer and wipes
- Disposable dust and non-medical masks
- Sunscreen and bug spray

Documents and identification

- Personal identification
- Copies of birth and marriage certificate, will, passports, citizenship papers
- Insurance policies
- Cash (small bills and change)
- Credit card information
- Copy of your emergency plan



- Contact list
- Personal items, if time allows (photos, computers, hard drive, heirlooms, etc.)

Distraction and comfort items

- Small toys and stuffed animals
- Playing cards and games
- Reading material
- Activity books and crossword puzzles
- Colouring books and markers
- Charging cords for electronic devices
- Notebook and pen
- Family photos

When you build your kit, consider additional needs such as:

- Pregnant or breastfeeding
- Infants and small children
- Mobility
- Cultural, religious, spiritual
- Severe allergies or dietary restrictions
- Chronic medical conditions and medical equipment with back up power (talk to your healthcare professional for advice)

Make a mini kit

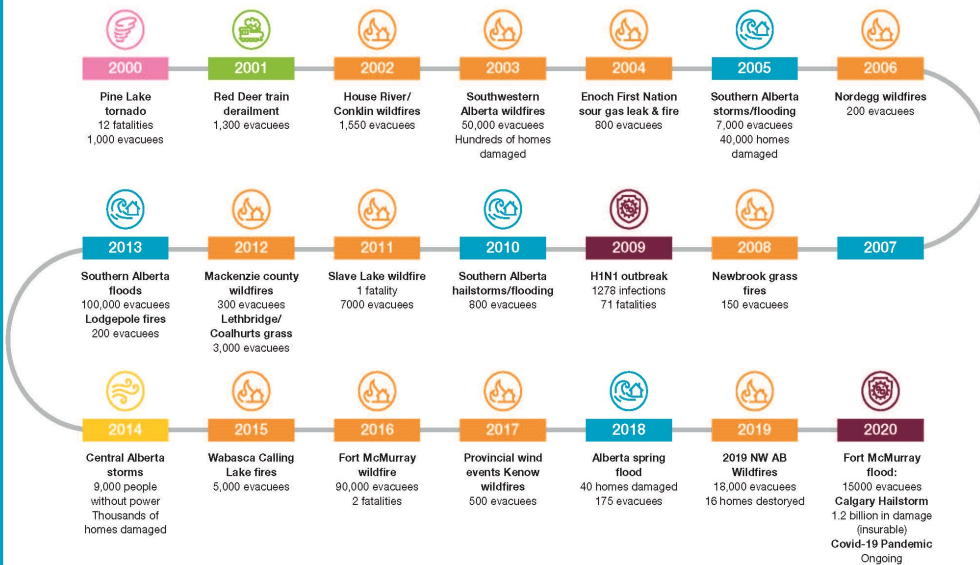
Being prepared can take the inconvenience out of unexpected situations. A mini kit that goes where you go can help to keep you prepared for whatever comes your way. Items to consider including:

- Small amount of cash
- Hand sanitizer and extra non-medical mask
- Bus tickets
- Phone charger
- Package of wipes/tissues
- Painkillers and back up medication



Disaster history in Alberta

A timeline of Alberta's largest disasters over the past 20 years



Facts and figures shown are derived from a variety of sources, including Post Incident Assessments created by the Government of Alberta, news articles, and other research. Published: March 2022



Don't Let Language be a Barrier to Being Prepared!

The Government of Alberta has a number of emergency preparedness resources available in other languages.

- українською (Ukrainian)
- عربي (Arabic)
- 简体中文 (Simplified Chinese)
- 繁體中文 (Traditional Chinese)
- ਪੰਜਾਬੀ (Punjabi)
- Deutsch (High German)
- Plautdietsch (Low German)
- Español (Spanish)
- Français (French)
- Tagalog (Tagalog)

Find the translated resources at <https://www.alberta.ca/resources-for-your-community.aspx>

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Taber Equality Alliance Pride Planning Meetings

Thursday, May 4th
from 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Thursday, May 18th
from 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

@ the Taber Public Library
(use the side doors on the east side as
it's after Library Hours)

Small Town Pride Documentary Showing

Friday, June 2nd
7:00 PM (runs for 1 hour)

@ the Taber Public Library

Help kick off Pride events in Taber with a showing of the Small Town Pride Documentary which features the stories of members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in 3 different small towns in Canada, one of which is Taber. All are welcome!

<http://smalltownpridedoc.com/>

2023 Taber Pride

Saturday, June 3rd

Save the date and watch the Taber Equality Alliance's Facebook Page for more details as the 2023 Taber Pride event details are announced:

Facebook: @tabereapage

<https://www.facebook.com/tabereapage/>

Planning an Event in Taber?

Check our site for information on permits, facility rentals, the special event application & more!

[www.taber.ca/
eventplanning](http://www.taber.ca/eventplanning)

Cancer Strategic Clinical Network

Have you or a loved one experienced a cancer diagnosis?



Scan to
learn more

Taber and area residents are invited to share their stories about how they learned they had cancer

Options to participate:

- Interviews: 60-90 mins over Zoom or in-person
- Focus group: 2-3 hours in-person

Focus Groups to be held:

When: May 31st, 2023,
Time: Morning: 10am-12:30pm or Evening: 4:30-7pm
Where: Taber Public Library

Light refreshments and food will be provided

To RSVP phone or email:

587-774-7675 angela.torry@ahs.ca
<https://together4health.albertahealthservices.ca/community-assets-for-cancer-diagnosis>



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Taber Public Library BOOK SALE MAY 2 – 13

- Sat May 6 **Ukulele Jam** at 1:30 pm. If you know how to play and want to play with others or are just a beginner, come join our group. The session is for approximately an hour and all ages and abilities are welcome to join.
- Tue May 9 **Plant Pots with Pizazz** Join Cindy from Sunnyside Nursery to help you make your flower pots look great all spring and summer long. Begins at 6:30 pm in the Program Room. Please use east doors if attending.
- Fri May 12 **Talk with the Property Tax Assessor** – Come listen to understand how the assessor comes to the valuation of your property and how taxes are determined. He is not addressing individual concerns but the process. The Mayor of Taber will also be on hand for further questions. To begin at 11 am in the Program Room.
- Fri May 12 **Make a Mother's Day Card** at 1:30 pm. Card kits will be available to make your mom a nice card for Mother's Day. Small children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is a must as there are a limited number of kits.
- Wed May 17 **Senior Speaker Series** at 10:30 am and the topic this month will be **Gardening** – both flower and vegetable. Pre-registration is ideal but not necessary.
- Fri May 19 **Family Movie Night** and we will be showing Aurora's pick **-Descendants**. It will begin at 6:30 pm and popcorn is provided. You can bring your own snacks as well. Please use east doors if attending.
- Sat May 20 **Ukulele Jam** at 10:30 am. For players of all ages and abilities to come join. Please note the time change on this session.
- Sat May 20 **Open Mic** from 1-3 pm. This is for any musician or singer to come out and perform or to listen to some great local talent.
- Wed May 24th **Music and Munchies** at noon featuring **Caitlyn Nguyen and Mikalya Kress** from Ace Place School. Bring your lunch and listen to the students over the lunch hour. They will be playing keyboard.
- May 24th **BLOCK PARTY** from 4 – 6 pm. Please stop by and pick up information on activities that are going on this summer for children and families as well as what local business and agencies do. 55th St will be blocked off with a food truck and other activities and displays. There will be a bounce castle, story time, Meet the Mayor booth and information on our Summer Reading Program! Other agencies include Taber Food Bank, Taber Recreation Department, Vacation Bible School, Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association and more!

- Thur May 25 **Trivia Night at the Legion** beginning at 6:30 pm. Come as a team or not. Small prizes to be won.
- Wed May 31 **Cancer Clinic Talks**- A Taber focus group is holding talks for people who have had cancer, learning how they had cancer and other topics. There will be two session for you participate in on this day. Either 10:00 am to 12:30 pm or 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Please call 587-774-7675 to register.

BLOCK PARTY

MAY 24

TABER PUBLIC LIBRARY
4:00 - 6:00 PM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SRP '23

MAY 1 BOUNCE

TABER RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TABER FOOD BANK
FEATHER EQUINE RANCH

KOST FIRE

MEET THE MAYOR

EAGLE SPIRIT NEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FAMILY CONNECTIONS MENTAL HEALTH



WATER SAVING TIP

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Shrink or eliminate your lawn. Instead, opt for a xeriscaped landscape that incorporates water wise ground cover, succulents, and other plants that thrive in drought conditions.

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Green Cart Program - Finished Compost is Now Available!

The Town of Taber is offering free compost for residents to use in their yards and gardens this spring. The compost is the finished product from the food and yard waste collected in our Green Cart Program. This is our Thank you for doing such a great job sorting out your waste Taber!



When: Available now!

Hours: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday – Saturday (except Statutory Holidays)

Location: Town of Taber Transfer Station (North-west of the Scale – ask the attendant for directions)

Cost: Free for Town of Taber residents

What to bring with you:

This is a self-serve offering – you should bring the following with you:

- Shovel & Gloves
- Containers to hold the compost (5-gallon buckets, totes, etc.)
- Tarps – to load into your trunk or truck bed.

How much compost can you take?

You can take up to 100 litres of compost per vehicle, per day (no mechanical equipment allowed for loading). **NO TRAILERS OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**



Five 20 litre (five gallon) buckets filled with compost (approximate size 12" x 15")



Two 50 litre plastic tubs filled with compost (approximate size is 24" x 16" x 12")

COMMUNITY FUTURES | ROTARY DISTRICT 5360



August 13-19, 2023
Eagles Nest Ranch

- For youth 13-15
- Learn to set up and operate a business
- Plus other fun activities like zip line, paint ball, archery and more



Application deadline
May 15

WWW.ROTARYAYEC.CA

FREE to attend

Need Town Info?

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TOWN OF TABER

RELISH THE COMPETITION

KIDS HOT DOG COMPETITION
SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH @ 11:30 AM
CONFEDERATION PARK

THE TOWN IS HOSTING ITS SECOND KIDS COMPETITION WITHIN OUR ANNUAL BACKYARD BBQ COMPETITION AND ITS **FREE TO COMPETE:**

- AGES 12 AND UNDER
- MAKE YOUR **BEST** HOT DOG
- MUST PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 31ST (LINK BELOW FOR DETAILS & FORM)
- WE PROVIDE THE HOT DOGS, BUNS & BBQ
- COMPETITORS **BRING THEIR OWN TOPPINGS**
- PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD!

www.taber.ca/bbq 403-223-5544

JOIN US FOR OUR

TOWN OF TABER

BACKYARD BBQ COMPETITION

YOU'RE INVITED

FOOD { FIRE } FUN

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2023
CONFEDERATION PARK

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR COMPETITORS. EARLY BIRD PRICING OF \$50 UNTIL MAY 31ST; \$100 AFTER MAY 31ST.
FULL RULES & FORM ON OUR WEBSITE

MORE EVENT DETAILS COMING SOON
WWW.TABER.CA/BBQ

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS; THIS EVENT IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU!

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