



FOUR STEPS TO PREP

Emergency Preparedness in Four Steps

If an emergency is affecting the Town
of Hinton, are you prepared?

1. Understand the risks.
2. Make a 72 hr Kit and Emergency Plan.
3. Familiarize yourself with evacuation zones
and muster points at work and at home.
4. Stay informed.

**In the event of a major emergency,
PLEASE STAY INDOORS!**
**Do not evacuate or leave your property or
workplace unless instructed to do so.**



1. UNDERSTAND THE RISKS

Do you know the most likely emergency situations to occur in Hinton?

Hinton is surrounded by lush, dense forest which may be susceptible to wildfires. FireSmart activities are carried out each year in order to prevent and protect our Town from fire, but the risk is still present.

Highway 16 is a major thoroughfare for industrial equipment and supplies, both on the highway itself and the railway that runs adjacent. Care and attention is taken to ensure the safe handling of any hazardous materials travelling this route. However, if an unforeseen incident was to occur, it is important to be prepared.



PRESCRIBED BURN

A prescribed burn is a controlled fire designed to reduce the fuel load (brush, debris) in an area and decrease the likelihood of large, uncontrollable wildfires that can threaten Albertans and their communities.



SHELTER IN PLACE

If you are advised to shelter in place, it means remain inside your home or office and protect yourself there. Closing all doors and windows and sealing them with wide tape, closing the fireplace damper and turning off any heating or air conditioning systems will help to keep any fumes out. Next, head to any above-ground room in your home without windows, like a washroom or closet, and monitor radio updates or the Town website for further instructions. You will only be asked to evacuate if it is safe to do so.

2. MAKE A 72 HR KIT AND EMERGENCY PLAN FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

CREATING A 72 HR KIT

If you had to shelter in place, or if you had to care for your family for a prolonged period without water or power, would you be able to?

Making a 72 hr kit will increase the comfort of the people in your home and decrease the stress and anxiety experienced in an emergency situation. Keep the kit together in a large container or bag in an easily accessible location – and try not to dip into your supplies if you run out of bandaids or spaghetti sauce! Check over your kit once a year to top up or replace supplies.

Here's what you need for a basic kit:

- Water—at least 2 litres of water per person, per day.
- Food—canned (with can opener) or dried food, crackers, energy or granola bars.
- First Aid Kit
- Prescription medications and equipment, infant formula, pain killers, anti-nausea medication, hand sanitizer
- Flashlight and batteries
- Battery or crank operated radio (with extra batteries)
- Candles, matches or lighter, duct tape
- Toiletries, including spare eyeglasses or contacts
- Cash money in smaller bills and change
- Copies of important documents and contact phone numbers
- Change of warm clothing for each person in your home (including footwear), blankets
- A whistle (in case you need to attract attention)
- A corded phone (to use in a power outage)

MAKING AN EMERGENCY PLAN

Does your family know what to do if there is an emergency in Hinton? Creating a plan and reviewing it regularly is a good way to prepare. Consider who will pick up your kids if you are unable and where your meeting place is to reunite with loved ones or roommates. Familiarize yourself with fire extinguishers, gas and water valves, floor drains and electrical boxes in your home.

Tip: Make sure you own a crate for your pet in order to transport them in an emergency. Many reception areas will require pets to be crated for their safety and the safety of the people gathered there. Also include pet food and supplies in your 72 hr Kit.

Visit GetPrepared.ca for additional suggestions on creating a 72 hr Kit.

3. FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH YOUR EVACUATION ZONES AND MUSTER POINTS AT WORK AND AT HOME.

In order to avoid confusion or being unnecessarily evacuated, review your evacuation zones for work and home, as well as your children’s schools. Follow all instructions from emergency personnel and municipal employees regarding evacuation and preferred major exit routes.

If you are without transportation, gather at the muster point nearest your home or workplace and wait for a Town of Hinton transit bus to take you to a designated reception area. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and bring along your 72 hr kit (or a portion of) if possible.



MUSTER POINT

These are designated emergency gathering points located at official transit stops.

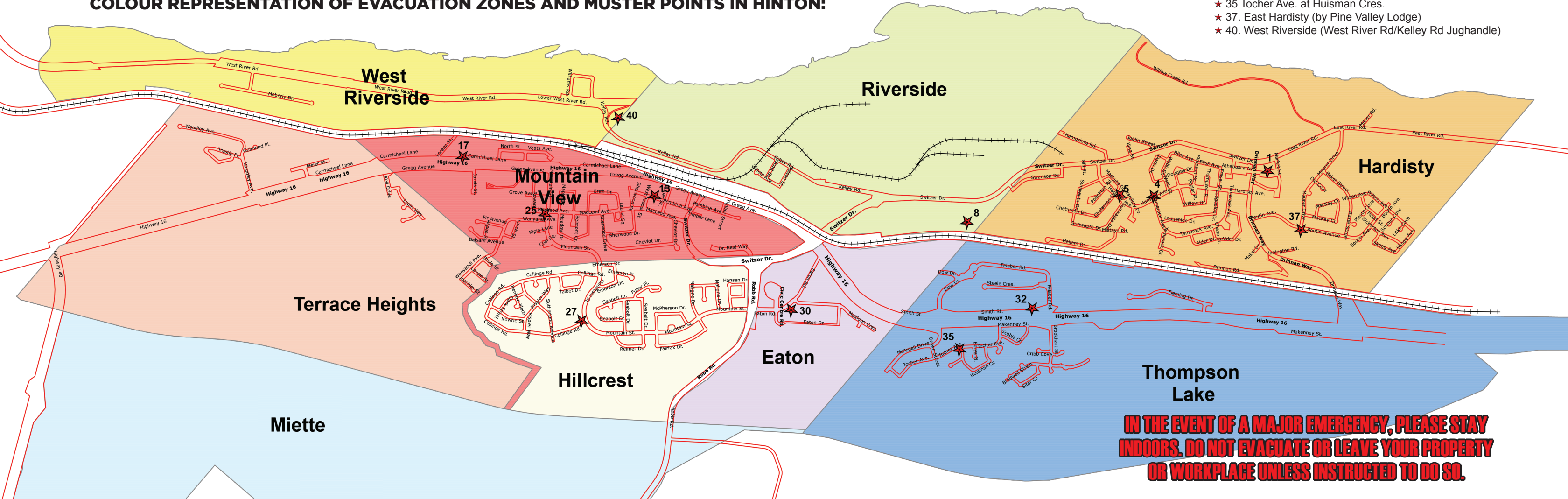
Districts

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| Eaton | Riverside |
| Hardisty | Terrace Heights |
| Hillcrest | Thompson Lake |
| Miette | West Riverside |
| Mountain View | |

Muster Points

- ★ 1. Athabasca Hotel (Hardisty Shopping Area)
- ★ 4. Hardisty Ave. (Near Lutheran Church)
- ★ 5. Hardisty Ave. (Near United Church)
- ★ 8. Dr. Duncan Murray Recreation Centre
- ★ 13. Pembina Ave. (Near Seniors’ Manor)
- ★ 17. Carmichael Lane (Near Hill IGA/Crestwood Hotel)
- ★ 25. MacLeod Ave. at Mountain St. (West End)
- ★ 27. Mountain St. and Collinge Rd. (Carriage Lane Area)
- ★ 30. Eaton Rd. (Across from Fire Hall)
- ★ 32. Smith St. (Near Ranchers/ESSO)
- ★ 35 Tocher Ave. at Huisman Cres.
- ★ 37. East Hardisty (by Pine Valley Lodge)
- ★ 40. West Riverside (West River Rd/Kelley Rd Jughandle)

COLOUR REPRESENTATION OF EVACUATION ZONES AND MUSTER POINTS IN HINTON:



STAGES OF EVACUATION

As the authority to order an evacuation can rest with different levels of government (local, provincial, or federal), a three stage evacuation process has been developed and accepted by all levels of government. The process includes:

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STAGE 1 - EVACUATION ALERT
Residents are advised of the potential need for evacuation. The alert highlights the nature of the danger and that evacuation may be required at any time. Information will be provided at that time on where to go if the evacuation is ordered. Residents should prepare to evacuate and gather personal supplies necessary for several days.

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STAGE 2 - EVACUATION ORDER
All persons in the affected area are ordered to leave the area and provided again with the information required. Once evacuated you are not permitted to return until the order has been rescinded.

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STAGE 3 - EVACUATION RESCIND
All persons in the affected area are advised that the emergency is under control and the area has been declared habitable and the evacuation order has been rescinded.

In the event of imminent danger to property or life due to fire or explosion, the local fire department may go straight to an “Evacuation Order” without an alert. This is called a “Tactical Evacuation”. Once you are evacuated from your property you will not be able to re-enter until the evacuation order is rescinded. Security will be provided to the evacuation area to ensure no one re-enters until the order is rescinded.

4. STAY INFORMED

TOWN OF HINTON

Website: www.hinton.ca
will be updated regularly during an emergency

Town of Hinton Facebook pages
(Official Town page, Hinton Fire & Rescue
will report information and instructions)

Non-emergency numbers:
Government Centre 780-865-6016 or info line 780-865-6000
RCMP 780-865-2455
Fire Hall 780-865-6020

***Note: Sign up for Emergency Notifications sent directly to your email or smart phone by clicking on [Notify Me](#) on the Town of Hinton's website.**

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire/Ambulance/Police **911**
Poison Control 1-800-332-1414
Environmental Hotline..... 1-800-222-6514

ALBERTA EMERGENCY ALERT

Website: www.emergencyalert.alberta.ca
Twitter: @AB_EmergAlert
Facebook: www.facebook.com/abemergalert/info
Local Radio Station: BOOM 104.9 and Real Country 97.5
Local TV Station: Shaw TV Channel 10

Please note: Listen for Police loud hailers or for emergency personnel going door-to-door. Personnel will be identified with name badges.

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PRESCRIPTIONS,
VITAMINS, GLASSES

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IMPORTANT PAPERS,
PHONE NUMBERS,
INSURANCE INFORMATION

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PLASTICS
(CREDIT/DEBIT)
& CASH

6 THINGS TO KEEP READY

EMERGENCY EVACUATION CHECKLIST

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PHOTOS AND
MEMORABILIA

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COMPUTER,
HARD DRIVE & DISCS

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PEOPLE & PETS

*PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH FUEL AT ALL TIMES TO MAKE IT TO THE NEXT COMMUNITY.

