

Wildfire Information for Producers

Due to the dry conditions, parts of Manitoba have been affected by wildfires. The following is information that may be useful to producers affected by these conditions, or those preparing for the possibility of a wildfire.

Protecting livestock and crops

Source: Manitoba Wildfire Evacuation Guidelines

- Owners should have an evacuation plan for livestock threatened by fire. If animals can't be moved to a safe area on your property, make and confirm transportation and feeding arrangements in advance. Obtain insurance coverage for all farm resources at risk from fire, including crops and livestock.
- The risk to farm animals can be reduced by preparing and maintaining fuel-reduced areas. Livestock can be moved and held there during a fire. Use a plowed or heavily grazed field with a minimum of grass or stubble. If possible, this field should be shaded and located well away from any forested areas. Water should be available.
- Concrete or metal buildings located away from forest vegetation are another livestock shelter option.
- As a last resort, if you are unable to move livestock to a safer area, cut fences and turn the animals loose, as long as there is no danger to people or traffic.

For more information about preparing for a wildfire, go to:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/fire/Prevention/Wildfire%20Evacuation%20Brochure%202011.pdf>

Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development also has information about evacuating livestock. See: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/animal-health-and-welfare/emergency-preparedness/caring-for-livestock-during-an-evacuation.html>

Emergency Planning Kit

SafeWork Manitoba has a 7-Step Safety and Health Emergency Planning Kit which contains information about how to prepare for different types of emergencies on the farm or ranch. It includes forms such as: a farm critical information sheet; family members/workers emergency contact information sheet; emergency contact sheets; and, a sample farm site map(s), among other tools for scenario planning. See: http://www.ecolog.com/daily_images/1002957109-1002962408.pdf

Manitoba's Wildfire Service

Manitoba Conservation and Climate Wildfire Service is responsible for the prevention, detection and suppression of wildfires.

To report a Wildfire call 1-800-782-0076 (toll-free).

The Wildfire Service's website includes valuable information such as:

- [Fire & Travel Restrictions](#)
- [Daily Situation Report](#)
- [Current Fire Update Report](#)
- [Interactive Map of Current Wildfires](#)
- [Fire Danger Map](#)

Factsheets

[Manitoba's Home Owner's FireSmart Manual](#)

[Wildfire Safety - Fire and Travel Restrictions](#)

[Manitobans Affected by Evacuations](#)

[Fire Prevention Tips](#)

Other Useful Links

Current municipal burning restrictions

https://www.gov.mb.ca/wildfire/burn_conditions.html

Provincial fire and travel restrictions

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/fire/Restrictions/index.html>

Government and Other Agency Contact Information

Manitoba Government Inquiry

1-866-626-4862 (toll free)

Email: mgj@gov.mb.ca

www.gov.mb.ca

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

<https://twitter.com/MBGov>

Manitoba Hydro Emergency Information

1-888-624-9376 (toll-free)

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

<https://twitter.com/manitobahydro>

Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization - EMO

1-888-267-8298 (toll-free)

Email: emo@gov.mb.ca

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/>

Disaster Financial Assistance - EMO

1-888-267-8298 (toll free)

Email: dfa@gov.mb.ca

https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/recover/home/dfa_home.html