



The Predator Ridge community is located in a designated interface wildfire zone, and is at significant risk from wildfire. As residents, we must be wildfire aware, and do what we can to prevent or mitigate the impact of a wildfire: eliminate ignition sources (e.g., cigarette butts) and FireSmart our homes and community.

It's critical for all residents to be prepared to evacuate in the event of a wildfire!

Have Your Kits (“Grab & Go Bags”) Ready



For You

(waterproof, easy-to-carry, accessible container)

- Non-perishable food, bottled water
- Non-electric can opener
- Battery-powered/wind-up radio
- Cell phone charger
- Flashlight, extra batteries, whistle
- Glasses, extra clothes, footwear
- Cash, credit cards
- Important documents (e.g., insurance, identification)
- First aid kit, prescription and non-prescription medications, toiletries
- Special needs items for baby, elderly, special needs person
- Games, books, other entertainment



For Your Pets

- Food & water (for 3 days), feeding dish, medications
- Disposable litter trays (e.g., aluminum roasting pan), litter
- Extra leash/harness
- Pet carrier, blanket
- Pet toys, treats
- Photo of pet

Have a Plan



Your family may not be together at home when an evacuation is declared. Pre-arrange how you will communicate and where you will meet. Also consider where you would stay (if not at the Reception Centre).

You don't have to wait for an evacuation to be declared to leave, if you feel that's the right thing for you to do.

Evacuation Stages



A **Tactical Evacuation** may be required if the emergency does not allow time for an Evacuation Alert or Order. The evacuation will be immediate, and your actions must be immediate (see “What to Do” on back of page).

The City of Vernon (<https://www.vernon.ca/homes-buildings/fire-safety/emergencymanagement>) will declare an:

1. **Evacuation Alert** – you need to be prepared to evacuate the area.
2. **Evacuation Order** – you need to evacuate the area.
3. **Evacuation Rescind** – the danger has passed. You will be allowed to return home, but you may still need to remain ready to evacuate again if the situation changes.

If you see a wildfire, **CALL 1-800-663-5555 (*5555 from a cell phone).**

How Will You Hear About It?

Residents will be advised about the evacuation via:

1. The City of Vernon Emergency Alert (subscribe at <https://www.vernon.ca/subscribe>);
2. The City of Vernon Twitter feed;
3. Radio/TV;
4. Predator Ridge Resident text/email, cart GPS notice, or Intranet (updated by Predator Ridge, upon direction from the City of Vernon/First Responders);
5. Direct notification by First Responders, in the case of a Tactical Evacuation or Evacuation Order (e.g., RCMP or Firefighters knocking on doors, using bullhorn announcements), if possible or practical to do so.

What to Do?

1. **Shut off utilities**
2. **Take your kit (Grab & Go Bag)**
3. **Take your pets**
4. **Use the OK/Help sign in your window**
5. **Lock your home**
6. **Follow directions of First Responders**
7. **Proceed to the Reception Centre**
8. **Call 1-888-336-7378 (3FOREST) for up-to-date wildfire information**

Evacuation Route

First Responders will determine the safest route for evacuation (based on the location of the wildfire), and will direct residents accordingly.

Register at the Reception Centre

The City of Vernon will set up a Reception Centre at a safe location. You may choose to stay at the Reception Centre or go elsewhere, but ensure you register in person at the Reception Centre, so that families can be informed and reunited, and First Responders can determine who may be missing.

After the Evacuation

1. Contact your insurance agent or broker.
2. Keep accurate records of expenses and losses.
3. Listen for announcements about any government disaster relief funding that may be applicable.
4. Rest, eat well and keep a manageable schedule. Watch for signs of stress (you may wish to talk to others about your experience – don't hold it inside). Seek professional medical assistance if a sense of normal does not return within what you feel is a reasonable period of time.