

Fire Department

The fire department would like to remind residents to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors! Having an evacuation plan in place is so important – make a fire escape plan today and practice it at least twice per year.

Fire permits are required beginning April 1st – You can apply online or in person and pick your permit up at the municipal office. Cost for the season is \$10.



Emergency Management: Do you know what do in a tornado, flood, or winter storm? Do you have everything you need during a major emergency?

<https://beprepared.emergencymanagementontario.ca/myplan>

This online tool will help you create an Emergency Preparedness Action Plan for your household. Your completed plan will:

- List the specific steps you need to take to get prepared
- Provide tips on hazards that might affect your community
- Include information related to special needs you may have (for example, information for people with disabilities and pet owners)



Using Technology During a Disaster



We rely on technology more and more to keep in touch with our family, friends, and colleagues with a click of a button. But what happens in the event of a major emergency? Suddenly these tools can become vital in helping you and your family get in touch and stay informed. So here are some tips on the use of technology in an emergency:

- If possible, **use non-voice channels like text messaging, email, or social media**. These use less bandwidth than voice communications and may work even when phone service doesn't.
- If you must use a phone, **keep your conversation brief**, and convey only vital information to emergency personnel and/or family. This will also conserve your phone's battery.
- Unable to complete a call? **Wait 10 seconds before redialing** to help reduce network congestion. Note, cordless phones rely on electricity and will not work during a power outage. If you have a landline, keep at least one corded phone in your home.
- **Keep a charger for your mobile device** in your emergency kit. Consider getting a solar-powered, crank, or vehicle phone charger. If you don't have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card in your emergency kit.
- **Keep your contacts up to date** on your phone, email, and other channels. This will make it easier to reach important contacts, such as friends, family, neighbours, child's school, or insurance agent.
- If you have a smartphone, **save your safe meeting location(s)** on its mapping application.
- **Conserve your smartphone's battery** by reducing the screen's brightness, placing your phone in airplane mode, and closing apps you are not using. You never know how long a power outage will last!

Remember, in an emergency or to save a life, call 9-1-1 for help. You cannot currently text 9-1-1. If you are not experiencing an emergency, do not call 9-1-1. If your area offers 3-1-1 service or another information system, call that number for non-emergencies.

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Solar Eclipse Safety

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As the moon aligns perfectly between Earth and the Sun, parts of Ontario will experience temporary darkness. Use the advice below to stay safe during the eclipse.



Warning!

Looking directly at the uncovered Sun without protection can cause retinal burns, blurred vision, or loss of eyesight. There are no pain sensors in your retinas to tell you that your eyes are being damaged. Once symptoms begin, the damage is usually too late to reverse.

Quick facts

- 1** The eclipse is expected to start just after 2:00 p.m. EDT with a full eclipse from approximately 3:20 p.m. and move eastward. The specific time and duration of the eclipse will depend on your location. Areas outside the path of totality will observe a partial solar eclipse.
- 2** Historically, eclipses have prompted mass movements of people to prime viewing areas.
- 3** Check your municipality's website for service changes and local closures.
- 4** For more information about viewing the eclipse in Ontario, visit [Destination Ontario's website](#).

Travel tips

- 1** While driving, avoid looking at the eclipse. Keep your eyes on the road to safely operate your vehicle and avoid collisions.
- 2** Follow local directives and road signage as you travel on April 8. While travelling on highways, do not stop, take pictures, or get out of your car to view the eclipse.
- 3** Stay updated on road conditions before, during, and after the eclipse by visiting [511on.ca](#).
- 4** Expect increases in traffic and road congestion. Plan ahead, fill your gas tank, and have snacks, water, entertainment, and first-aid supplies on hand.
- 5** If travelling to view the eclipse, plan to arrive at your destination 24 to 48 hours ahead of time.

Eye safety



- 1** **It is not safe to look at the Sun without eye protection.** Looking at even a small sliver before or after the eclipse without eye protection can be harmful to your vision. Health impacts may include retinal burns, blurred vision, and loss of eyesight (immediate or delayed onset).
- 2** Glasses with specialized filters adhering to the **ISO 12312-2** international standard can be worn to prevent eye damage. Glasses should be inspected for wrinkles or scratches ahead of use and should not be used if damaged.
- 3** If appropriate eye protection is not available, alternative viewing strategies should be considered, such as an [eclipse box](#) or a live stream.

Visit the [Canadian Space Agency's website](#) for more information.



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