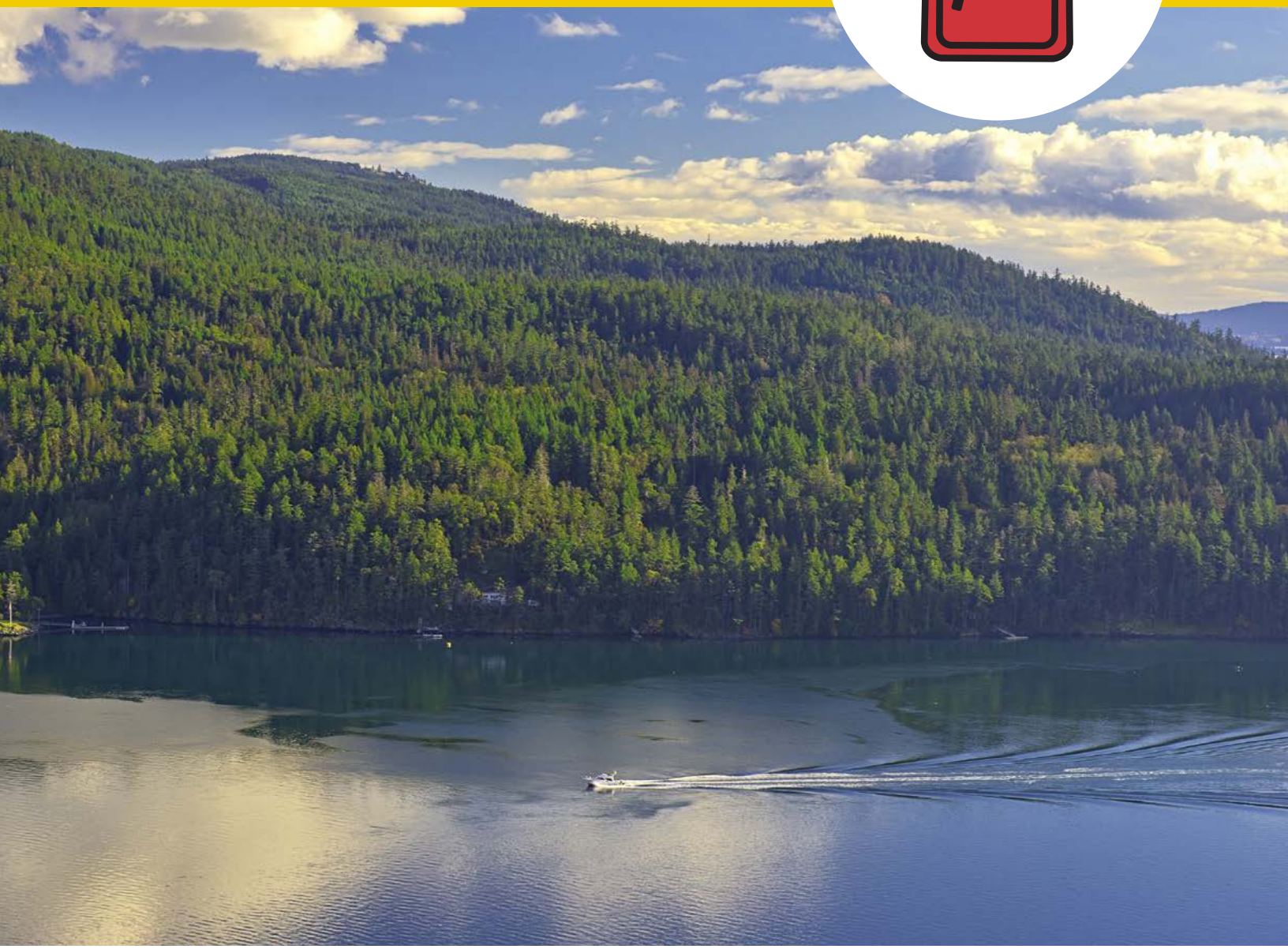
Salt Spring Island

Household Evacuation Guide



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Emergency Program

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Salt Spring Island Pods and Assembly Areas
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Map Legend
Tsunami Hazard Zones
Tsunami Hazard Zone
Leave this area if you feel strong shaking.
Learn more at maps.prepareyourself.ca
Assembly Areas
Assembly Areas subject to change. Locations to be announced upon opening.
Reception Centres
Reception Centre locations to be announced upon opening.
Neighbourhood Pods
Consider joining your pod to stay connected and increase your resilience. Contact, ssipod@crd.bc.ca.
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Booth Canal Rd
Mansell Rd
Long Harbour Rd
Nose Point Rd
Scott Point Dr
Collins Rd
Fulford-Ganges Rd
Stewart Rd
Beaver Point Rd
Isabella Point Rd
Portlock Park
179 Vesuvius Bay Rd.
Royal Canadian Legion
120 Blain Rd.
Fulford Hall
2591 Fullford-Ganges Rd

Get prepared

This guide provides an overview of key information you will need to help keep you, and your family, safe in an emergency.

Now is the best time to get prepared in 3 easy steps.

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- Create a grab-and-go bag

Stay informed

Public alerts
Sign up for our Public Alert Notification System to get updates on weather events, restrictions, hazards and more. www.crd.bc.ca/pans

CRD Emergency Dashboard
Access real-time emergency updates, incident information, maps, and public advisories at www.emergency.crd.ca

Facebook
Get updates during an emergency at www.facebook.com/CapitalRegionalDistrict

911
In case of emergency, call 9-1-1

Emergency Program
For more information on the SSI Emergency Program go to www.crd.bc.ca/ssi-emergency or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SaltSpringIslandEmergencyProgram

Know the risks

There are a number of emergencies residents need to prepare for to help keep you safe. The severity of risks depends on where you live, but may include:

- Tsunami
- Earthquake
- Fires
- Winter storms
- Floods and storm surges
- Hazardous materials (Hazmat) spills
- Landslides

Make a plan

Prior to an emergency happening, it's important to complete a household emergency plan and make sure all members of your household are aware of what is included. A household emergency plan is included on page 7 of this guide. Once complete, print this off and place copies in your grab-and-go bag, and share with family members.

Grab-and-go bag

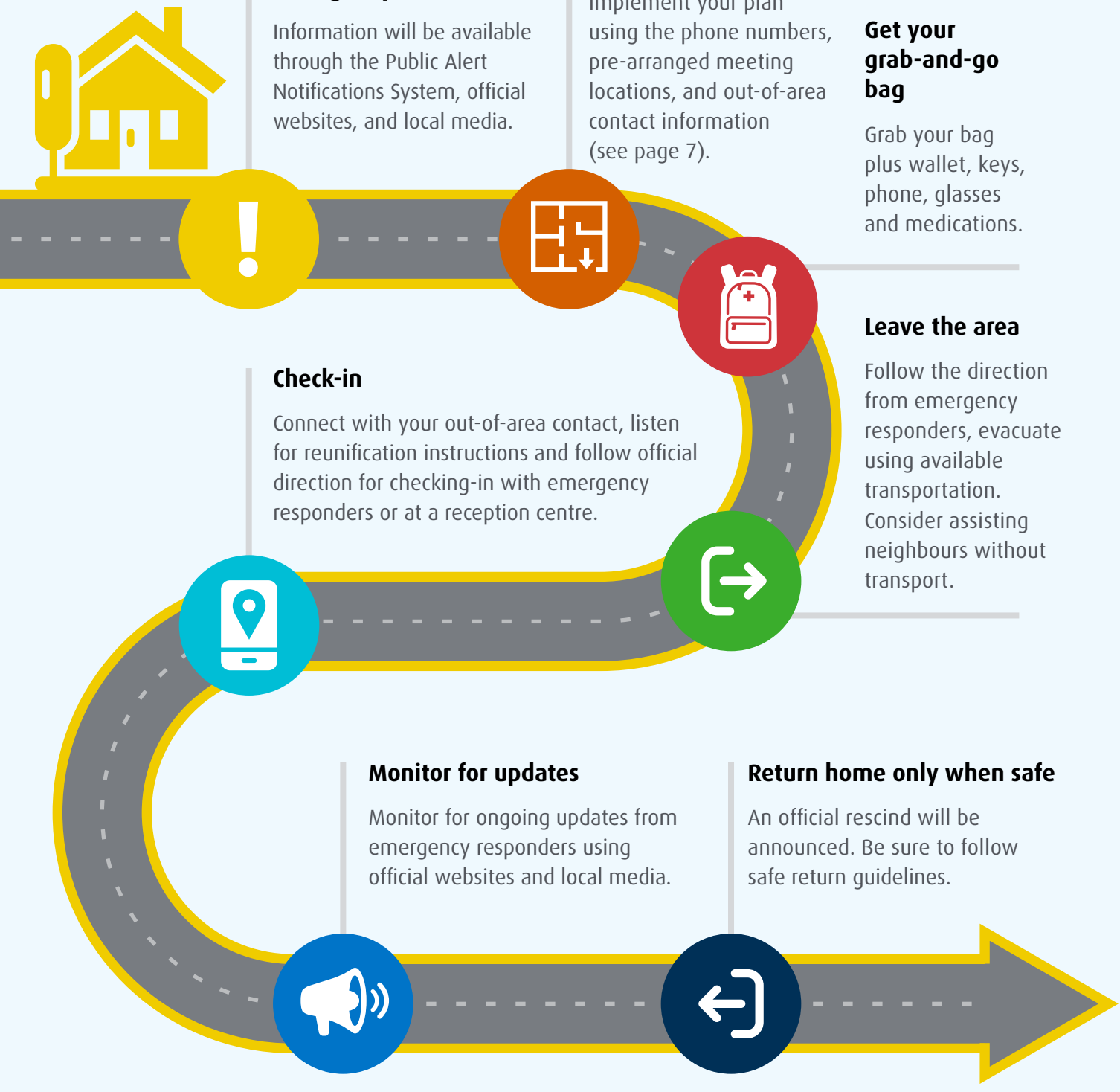
Contents should include a 3-day supply of necessities for each person and pet in your family. If you live in a remote and/or isolated community a larger bag for a longer period may be necessary. (Fill out the checklist below.)

- ☐ Bottled water (2 litres/person/day)
- ☐ Several days of non-perishable, ready-to-eat foods
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Childcare and pet supplies
- ☐ Clothing, footwear, rain gear and blankets
- ☐ Personal hygiene items
- ☐ First-aid kit and personal medications
- ☐ Whistle and dust masks
- ☐ Cash in small bills
- ☐ Extra keys for house and car
- ☐ Copy of your emergency plan and contact numbers
- ☐ Copy of important documents, such as insurance and identification
- ☐ Extra batteries, phone charger and battery bank
- ☐ Battery powered or hand crank flashlight and radio
- ☐ Multi-function tool and knife
- ☐ Matches, candles, lighter

Find a comprehensive list of suggested grab-and-go bag and emergency kit supplies at PrepareYourself.ca

What to do during an evacuation:

Different emergencies may require different actions.
Protect your family by knowing what to do.



Receive evacuation instructions from emergency officials

Information will be available through the Public Alert Notifications System, official websites, and local media.

Follow your household emergency plan

Implement your plan using the phone numbers, pre-arranged meeting locations, and out-of-area contact information (see page 7).

Get your grab-and-go bag

Grab your bag plus wallet, keys, phone, glasses and medications.

Leave the area

Follow the direction from emergency responders, evacuate using available transportation. Consider assisting neighbours without transport.

Check-in

Connect with your out-of-area contact, listen for reunification instructions and follow official direction for checking-in with emergency responders or at a reception centre.

Monitor for updates

Monitor for ongoing updates from emergency responders using official websites and local media.

Return home only when safe

An official rescind will be announced. Be sure to follow safe return guidelines.

Understanding emergency messaging

There are 6 main messages you may hear in an emergency:

Evacuation Alert
Be ready to leave on short notice, as an evacuation order may be occurring soon.

Evacuation Order
You are at risk. Leave the area immediately.

Evacuation Rescind
All is currently safe and you can return home.

Shelter-in-Place
Remain where you are until you are told by authorities that it is safe to do otherwise.

Reception Centres
Locations where evacuees may be provided care, depending on their needs.

Reception centres are operated by Emergency Support Services volunteers. If evacuees cannot stay with family or friends, other options may be available including group lodging facilities or hotels.

Assembly Areas
A safe place for evacuees to gather while waiting for emergency personnel to respond, or awaiting transportation to a reception centre or lodging.

Assembly areas are also used as places to share information, carpool, and as staging areas or transfer points. They may or may not be staffed by first responders or volunteers.

Did you know? Most home and tenant insurance covers evacuation living expenses. If you're uninsured or may need help with basic needs, create an Emergency Support Services (ESS) profile in advance. Register through the BC Services Card App at ess.gov.bc.ca.

Household emergency plan

Taking the time to create a personalized plan will help ensure you know what to do and have the information you need when you need it. Print copies of this plan for your fridge door, to put in your vehicle and grab-and-go bag as well as share with family members. (Use the form below to start your plan.)

Meeting spot

Decide on a specific meeting spot in **case household members are separated.**

Out-of-area emergency contact

A contact who may be able to receive your texts and pass messages between family members.

Full Name:

Phone:

In-area emergency contacts

Someone who can help household members with specific needs. This can include collecting kids from school, getting your pets or providing emergency shelter.

Full Name 1:

Phone 1:

Full Name 2:

Phone 2:

Utilities

Make notes on how/where to turn off household utilities if asked to do so by emergency officials.

Your insurance provider

Contact information and be sure to include your insurance policy number.

Don't forget

Make a list of things specific to your household that you don't want to forget in an emergency.

For more information on the SSI Emergency Program go to www.crd.bc.ca/ssi-emergency

Evacuation checklist

An evacuation order means you MUST evacuate due to a significant health and safety risk in your immediate neighbourhood and/or to your home. (Use the checklist below.)

Recommended actions:

- ☐ Follow your household emergency plan (page 7)
- ☐ Get your grab-and-go bag plus wallet, keys, phone, glasses and medications
- ☐ Turn off and unplug all appliances. If you've been instructed, turn off all utilities at the main switch or valves
- ☐ Lock all doors and windows
- ☐ Check to see all family members are wearing the appropriate clothing and footwear for the conditions
- ☐ Take your pets with you as well as their food, water and medication
- ☐ Follow travel routes indicated by emergency personnel as other routes may be hazardous

Watch for updates at crd.bc.ca/pans and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/CapitalRegionalDistrict and on the Emergency Dashboard at emergency.crd.ca

Register livestock here with B.C. Premises ID to help responders locate and protect animals during an emergency.

CRD's Emergency Dashboard hosts trusted information all in one place. Access the Tsunami Portal, BC Wildfire Information, DriveBC, weather, smoke forecasts, alerts, and news all through emergency.crd.ca