

EMERGENCY PREPARATION - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. If we are evacuated, where will we be going?

To Yellowknife, on cots in a space such as an arena or gymnasium where your basic needs will be provided for. Alternate accommodations may be made available on a case-by-case basis, (for families with small children for example).

2. Can we bring our dog?

Unfortunately, pets will not be accommodated. You will have to make other arrangements for your pets. The dog pound may be able to assist with pets. For more information on the pound please call Reg Bellefontaine at 867-695-6731.

3. If we evacuate on our own, will we get the costs reimbursed?

No. If you evacuate on your own, you are responsible for the costs.

4. If the island is evacuated, will there be a camp set up?

An area will be provided but if you decide to camp, then you must be prepared to take care of yourself. Some resources such as a limited number of heated tents, pop tents, cots will be available, but the onus is on residents to be prepared, to have your own camping supplies and to try to bring enough food for 3 days.

5. Will groceries be provided?

Residents should have enough food for three days. After three days grocery hampers will be made available.

6. What if I decide to stay in my home on the island?

We will not force anyone from their homes. If you decide to stay, please register so we know where you are. Those who choose to stay in the evacuation zone do so at their own risk and must be aware that emergency services and supplies may suddenly become unavailable to them due to safety concerns.

7. Will we be allowed on and off the island?

If there is no immediate sign of danger and if the situation is stable, limited access will be permitted for island residents and business owners to check on their properties between 9am and 7pm.

8. What is the flood risk this year?

Flooding is very difficult to predict and there are many factors to consider. There are some negatives such as; higher than normal snowfall in the Liard Valley, the Liard River is higher than normal, and the Mackenzie River is still high.

There are also some positives such as; there are some indications that the ice is thinner than normal, and The Mackenzie River is 3 metres lower than it was this time last year. Bottom line; risk is high but not as high as last year. However, residents should always prepare for the worst and hope for the best!