

Community Emergency Preparedness

Are you ready?



Office of Emergency Management



The City of Ottawa's Office of Emergency Management provides operational, planning, logistical, recordkeeping and administrative support to the City's Emergency Management Program:

- Maintain the City's Municipal Emergency Plan.
- Report annually to City Council.
- Stakeholder engagement.
- Training and Exercise.
- Coordinate emergency response and recovery.

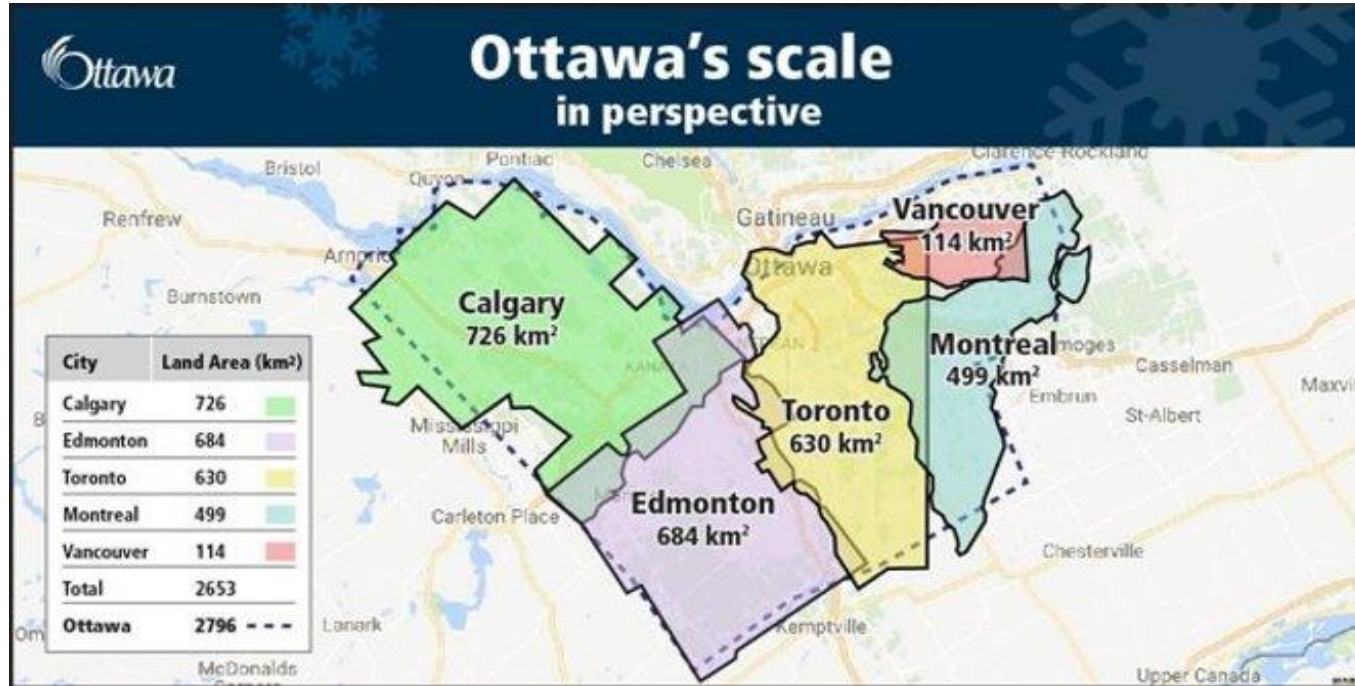




2023 Year in Review

- January-February: Convoy-related demonstrations
- March: POTUS Visit
- April: Ice Storm, Spring Flooding
- June: Air Quality
- July: Canada Day, Barrhaven Tornadoes
- August: Significant rain with localized flooding and power outages, Findlay Creek Tornado
- September: Ukrainian President visit, East Meets West Convoy, and large demonstration (LGBTQ2S+ inclusive education)
- October: TOH General Fire and Power Outage
- October - on-going: Middle East Conflict Demonstrations

The Focus of Your Planning



Ottawa has faced a variety of emergencies, including weather events, infrastructure failures, and even a prolonged demonstration/occupation.

In your emergency planning it is important to consider two potential outcomes:
1) shelter in place; or
2) evacuation



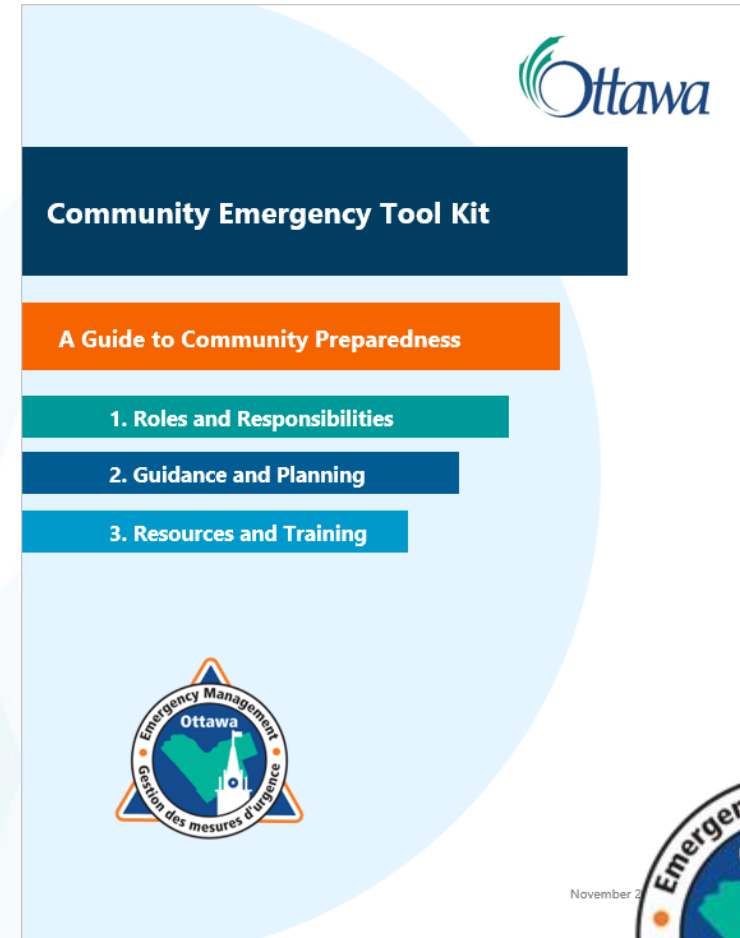
Ottawa's Top 10+ Risks

1. Tornado
2. Earthquake
3. Active Threat
4. Fire / Explosion
5. Road and Highway
6. Infectious Disease
7. Aviation
8. Rail, Light Rail
9. Flood
10. High Wind
11. Cyber Attack



Community Emergency Toolkit

- Hazards and risks
- Roles and responsibilities
 - Site level response, EOC, Community Associations
- Emergency management activities
 - Before, during, and after an emergency
- Training and resources



Before an Emergency

- Identify your community and risks that could affect it
- Encourage others to get prepared and trained
- Consider gathering supplies that could help your community during an emergency such as water, blankets, and generators
- Make emergency preparedness an item at your Community Association or group meeting
- Develop an emergency plan (!!!)



During an Emergency

- Activate your emergency plan
- Pick a leader to be the point of contact for City officials
- Volunteer where possible to help with response activities
- If safe to do so, work together to check on members, friends, and neighbours
- Work together to use your resources to help others



City of Ottawa Supports

- Mobilization of Community Support Centres
 - Device charging; washrooms/showers; snacks and hydration
 - If required, temporary emergency accommodations
- Wellness visits
- Psychosocial supports
- Water distribution
- Emergency food security supports
- Regular communications updates and subject-specific guidance (e.g., City By-laws, Building Code, Insurance Bureau of Canada etc.) through multiple channels

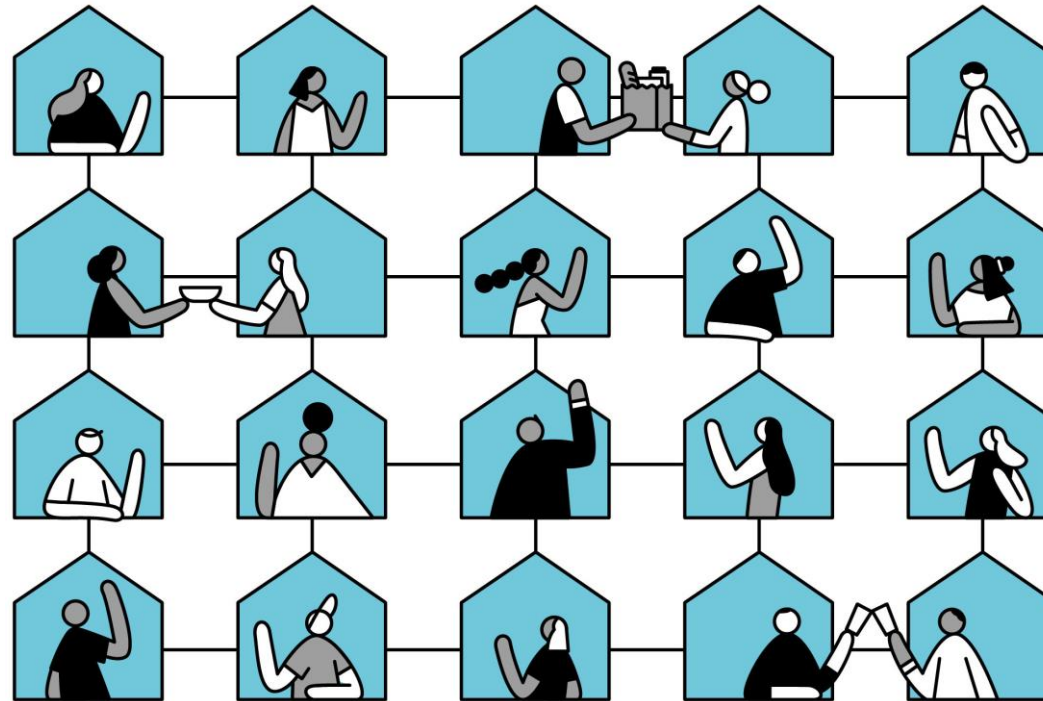
After an Emergency

- Encourage members to attend Town Halls / Special Information Sessions to provide feedback to the City
- Learn about support services and how to access them. Encourage and help others access those services
- Review and update your emergency plan



Other Ways Communities Can Help

- Emergency preparedness and training (including personal 72 hour+ kits)
- Identify areas, neighborhoods, and buildings where residents may need more supports during an emergency (note: emergencies disproportionately affect vulnerable populations)
- Places of refuge
- Wellness visits
- Food security
- Sharing information



Don't let your next emergency be your exercise!



Are you
ready?

Plan • Prepare • Be aware



Thank you!

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