

RM of Reynolds
Local Emergency Response Control Group
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Our homes, families and personal safety is what is important to us all during the times that Mother Nature or man-made disasters occur. We the team of the Local Emergency Response Control Group (LERCG) for the RM of Reynolds, train and prepare a response to help those in need during such emergencies or disasters.

Before the LERCG get involved, it is the residents' responsibility to be prepared for the first 72 hours of an emergency or disaster.

As the often used phrase: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure", so our take on this is "An ounce of preparation is worth a pound of regret."

So, we strongly recommend you refer to the booklet "72 hours, The Emergency Preparedness Guide" available on line at www.GetPrepared.ca.

This is the time of year where we can have severe storms, as in wind storms, rain storms and tornadoes. As referenced in the "72 Hour" booklet: Tornadoes are rotating columns of high winds. Canada gets more tornadoes than any other country with the exception of the United States, averaging about 50 tornadoes per year". Tornadoes move quickly and can cause extreme high winds and extensive damage to vegetation, buildings and life.

We feel forewarned is forearmed in an emergency or disaster; so to have an emergency plan in place that you as a family prepare and practice, is your "ounce of prevention". This practice could be done on a monthly or annual basis. Training will help you become comfortable with what has to be done if or when the emergency or disaster occurs. Regular training sessions will help your family not to panic and to pull together as a family to successfully overcome the emergency situation.

The RM of Reynolds LERCG Team wishes you and your family a safe and prepared summer.