



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP SHEET EMERGENCY ALERTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

When emergencies or unexpected situations occur, being in-the-know can save lives.

If an emergency occurs in Leduc County that requires you to take action, we will share information via a variety of channels, including our website (leduc-county.com), Facebook page (facebook.com/LeducCounty), Twitter account (twitter.com/LeducCounty) and local media. If we need to share critical, life-saving information, we will send out an alert through Alberta Emergency Alert, which broadcasts alerts through radio, television, phone and various online channels.

Emergency alerts

Alberta Emergency Alert

emergencyalert.alberta.ca

Alberta Emergency Alert provides critical, life-saving information to Albertans when emergencies or disasters occur. When an alert comes through your radio, television, phone or online, immediately follow the safety instructions provided by an alert to protect yourself and your family.

Alerts are distributed to the public through various outlets, including:

- ▶ radio
- ▶ television
- ▶ online (websites and social media)
- ▶ road signage
- ▶ mobile notifications with the Alberta Emergency Alert app
 - ▶ Download the Alberta Emergency Alert application from the Apple Store or Google Play Store, or text FollowAB_EmergAlert to 21212 to receive notifications.

Alert Ready

alertready.ca

Alert Ready is Canada's national alerting system. It automatically sends life-saving emergency alerts through television, radio and compatible mobile devices.

Notifications

Fire

Fire advisories, restrictions and bans are issued when the fire hazard rating has increased and restrictions are needed to protect the community and prevent urban fires and/or wildfires.

If a fire advisory, restriction or ban is issued in Leduc County, we will post that information to our website (leduc-county.com/fire-bans). We also use share this information on albertafirebans.ca; call Alberta Fire Bans information line at 1-866-FYI-FIRE (1-866-394-3473).

Alberta Parks is responsible for issuing fire advisories, restrictions and bans in provincial parks; view these advisories at albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/advisories-public-safety

The Alberta Wildfire website (wildfire.alberta.ca) has the latest updates on the status of all wildfires burning in Alberta. Report a wildfire by calling toll-free to 310-FIRE (310-3473).

Flood and ice

rivers.alberta.ca

Flood and ice advisories, watches and warnings are issued by the Government of Alberta. They are issued when weather or river forecasts suggest a provincial waterway could flood. These notifications are referred to as any of the following:

- ▶ high streamflow and spring runoff advisory
- ▶ flood watch
- ▶ flood warning
- ▶ ice advisory and spring runoff advisory
- ▶ ice jam watch
- ▶ ice jam warning



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Health

albertahealthservices.ca/news/Page1926.aspx

Health advisories are issued when there is a risk to the general population or more at-risk populations, like children, seniors and those with certain health conditions. Health advisories are issued by Alberta Health Services. These advisories include air quality advisories, heat advisories, blue-green algae advisories, boil water advisories and more.

Recalls and safety

recalls-rappels.canada.ca

Recalls and alerts are issued when a product, food, vehicle or health product poses a serious health risk. View active alerts and recalls.

Weather

weather.gc.ca/warnings

Weather advisories – including heat warnings, extreme cold warnings, snowfall warnings, tornado watches and more – are issued by Environment and Climate Change Canada when severe weather poses a threat to Canadians.

*Information contained in this tip sheet has been modified from the **Alberta Emergency Management Agency**.*

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