



## **Our Location RDRRA Emergency Response Plan**

Legal Land Description: SE ¼ Sec 26-34-4-W5

Civic rural Address:   East Gate - 34420-RR41  
                                  West Gate - 4136 Hwy 587

We are 30 km west of Bowden on Hwy #587 between Range Rd 41 and 42.

## **Components of the Plan**

The following items are included in the property's emergency response plan.

- Emergency & local contact information
- Evacuation Routes
- Description of evacuation procedures
- Common Disasters & Procedures to follow

## **Overview**

- The information contained in this Emergency Response Plan has been provided as a general guide to logical and safe steps to take in the event of an emergency at RDRRA.
- The Plan will be posted at the information boards at the entrance gates, on our website ([www.rdrra.ca](http://www.rdrra.ca)), and distributed via email to all members.
- Safety is our number one priority. Please remember to act wisely and in all cases maintain your personal safety and the personal safety of your family and guests.

## **Emergency Numbers and Contacts:**

- Fire 911
- Ambulance 911
- RCMP 911
- Wild Fires 310-FIRE (3473)
- Red Deer Fire Dispatch (Non-Emergency) 1-403-346-9977
- Red Cross Emergency & Disaster Service 1-888-800-6493

- STARS Emergency Link Center 1-888-999-3822
- **Stars Air Ambulance** has a landing station just Kitty Corner to James River Bridge Store on Hwy 587.
- **RDRRA Emergency Phone Numbers:** President, Tracy Graham: 403-808-7740; Vice-President, Gerhard Bender: 403-369-4647; Grounds Comm. Chair, Contact Gerhard.

## The Muster Point

- The Muster Point for emergency requiring evacuation, is anywhere along the County Road East of the West Gate.
- Leave all gates open on exiting.
- Try and be aware of who is out at neighboring lots.
- An executive member or committee member will record attendance in writing if Emergency Services requires.

## Fire Extinguisher Stations

Extinguisher stations are located at the following locations:

Rear of lot 8 off East Entrance Road Sites 12, 24, 34 (across the road from 34 sign), 37, 40, – Please take the time to find where they are located. They are all viewable from the road. **Every Lot owner is required to have a fire extinguisher of their own on their site.**

**Procedures** – If an *emergency* arises:

- **Have someone call 911** and warn others as necessary and able. Currently Bowden Fire and the Innisfail Police respond. Remember this will take a while.
- **Sound your vehicle horn if extreme danger or help needed (3 Long Blasts, repeat as required).** Know who your First Aiders are if you may need them.
  - Rita Gibson, Lot 21
  - Melody Osterhout, Lot 22
- Use fire extinguisher, water, etc. for fires. Extinguishers available on most sites and as noted above. **Do not fight a fire or other emergency if not safe to do so.** Always call 911 and warn others as above first.
- Extinguish all sources of fire or explosion that are possible.
- Shut down gas, diesel or electrical equipment if necessary and as possible.
- Evacuate and meet at Muster Point with all family and guests. We will attempt to make sure all lot owners are accounted for that may be visiting the lots at that time.
- For non-fire related or non-critical emergencies, stop and warn others as appropriate, seek help as needed and advise an executive or grounds committee member if possible.

## **Reporting**

We are asking that all members report any serious safety or emergency issues that may arise to the executive.

**This information does not take precedence over applicable government regulations.**

## **Important Points to Remember**

- All individuals should review this plan with all family members and guests on your lot.
- Have escape routes prepared.
- Be familiar with the muster point.
- We are 30-40 minutes away before first responders will arrive to RDRRA so prevention and preparation is key to survival.

## **RDRRA EVACUATION ROUTES and PROCEDURES**

- RDRRA is situated in wooded lands and by dry river beds.
- To the south, a highway runs along the property edge. Access to the property is via 2 entrance gates.
- One entrance is off RR41 and the other is a quarter mile to the west
- Please do not block the roadway, this allows for passage of others using the roads including Emergency Vehicles.
- All lot owners and guests will exit the property via the two main entrances. Gates will remain open until all are evacuated.
- Muster point is along the County Road between RR41 and the West Gate.
- Be mindful some of our residents may not hear or know there is an emergency evacuation going on.
- The cooperation of everyone to help get all out of the property is greatly appreciated. But do not risk danger to yourself in doing so.
- Should any of the gates be blocked due to wildland fire, a secondary escape route is to use the dry riverbed to the east or west if safe to travel.
- The quad trails should be capable of driving on with a truck or SUV.
- If unsure, escape via foot.
- Evacuees can also cut through lots to get to the county road or highway 587. There will be a barbed wire fence to get over.



## **IMPENDING DISASTERS**

- As part of the Emergency Preparedness plan all efforts will be made to keep lot owners and guests aware of any impending disasters or threats to RDRRA. This will be done via email from the executive board.
- It is also advised that owners stay vigilant of sudden weather changes. Alberta Emergency Alert app allows you to select areas near the property. It includes sudden severe weather changes (wind, hail, tornados, fires, etc.). The Alberta River basin website will give information on risk of flooding ([www.rivers.alberta.ca](http://www.rivers.alberta.ca)).
- Prior to any evacuation, it is advised that all propane devices be isolated and shut off. All electrical and water hook ups be disconnected, all doors, windows and sheds be secured, leave immediately to a predetermined location such as the muster point.

## **Common Disasters & Procedures for Each FIRE**

There are steps you can take to minimize the dangers associated with fires and improve your chances of survival should a fire erupt in or around your lot. **Prevention and Safety Tips:**

- Be sure you have operating smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in your trailer. Replace your smoke detector batteries yearly.
- Makes sure everyone knows how to open and use the emergency exits in your RV. Practice using them with your family.
- Be sure your heating and electrical systems are properly maintained and in good working order. Carefully follow the instructions on all appliances and heating units, taking special care not to overload your electrical systems.
- Keep matches lighters and candles away from small children.
- If you have a wood burning stove, clean your chimney pipe yearly. Properly dispose of your ash when it is cool, not when it is hot or full of red embers. A suitable sized and category fire extinguisher should be kept nearby.
- Be sure to fully extinguish fires in a pit prior to leaving. Soak, stir and soak again. A water supply (garden hose) should be located near your fire pit.
- Make an itemized list of your personal property, including furniture, tools, toys, clothing etc. If possible, make a video and/or take pictures of your possessions. Keep a list and store it with your other important documents.

### **In Case of Fire in your RV:**

- Know how to use a fire extinguisher PASS (pull the tag/pin, aim, squeeze, sweep)
- Never turn your back to the fire
- Get everyone out of the RV immediately
- Without risk to anyone, get pets out of the RV
- Call 911

- Activate your car alarm

## **FLOOD**

Things you should know in the event of a flood:

- Have several escape routes pre planned.
- The weather service continuously broadcasts updated weather conditions, warnings and forecasts. Pay attention to the Red Deer River, James River, and the Little Red Deer River if using highway 587 from Bowden.
- When rising water threatens and there is a potential flood risk, move any drivable or pulled RV's to higher ground and any ATV's, boats etc.
- If one escape route is not passable do not waste any time, try another route or back track to higher ground. Never drive through flooded roadways, do not bypass or drive around barricades.
- Wear life preservers if possible and sturdy shoes.
- Avoid any contact with flood water. Flood water levels may change rapidly and be contaminated.
- When you reach a safe place contact someone to indicate that you are safe. **After the flood:**
- Return back to your lot only after authorities say the danger of more flooding is over
- Do not enter any trailer that has been overturned
- Do not reconnect your well, sewer or electrical until it has been inspected by proper personnel.

## **THUNDERSTORMS**

- One the most common sights during a summer afternoon is the gathering of dark storm clouds.
- As one of the more predictable storms, thunderstorms should not be taken lightly. You normally will be safe from lightning in your RV.
- If you see lightning and hear thunder in less than 30 seconds, a strike in the area is very likely.
- One of the most common damaging aspects of the storm is hail. Golf ball sized hail with smash windows, air vents and may even penetrate the roof. Be sure to stay away from windows and roof vents during severe hail.

## **TORNADO -- DO NOT WAIT!**

- We do not have any structures to shelter you from a Tornado.

- Listen to the local radio and TV stations for latest information and updates and the Alberta Emergency Alert App. TORNADOS are some of the most feared summer storms and are becoming more frequent in Central Alberta.
- No matter what type of RV or vehicle you have, it will most likely not survive a direct hit from a Tornado. Leave your RV/vehicle and go to a nearby ditch or low area, lay flat and cover your head.