



Farm Emergency Preparedness Plan

Protecting your farm involves a number of considerations: family members, co-workers or employees, buildings, equipment, livestock, and crops. Planning ahead for all-hazard situations can help to minimize the impact and speed the recovery process for you and your farm.

Before a Disaster or Emergency

Gather information	<input type="checkbox"/> What disasters or hazards are most likely in your community? For your farm? <input type="checkbox"/> How would you be warned? <input type="checkbox"/> How should you prepare for each?
Stay alert for emergency broadcasts	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment Canada <input type="checkbox"/> The Weather Network <input type="checkbox"/> Local news sources – radio, television, Internet, Twitter
Put together a Family Emergency Go-Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Further information found at www.getprepared.ca
Draw a farm site map and indicate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings and structures <input type="checkbox"/> Access routes (i.e. roads, lanes) <input type="checkbox"/> Barriers (i.e. fences, gates) <input type="checkbox"/> Locations of livestock <input type="checkbox"/> Locations of all hazardous substances <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical shutoff locations
Make a list of your farm inventory including:	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock (i.e. species, number of animals) <input type="checkbox"/> Crops (i.e. acres, type) <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery and equipment (i.e. make, model #) <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous substances (i.e. pesticides, fertilizers, fuels, medicines, other chemicals)



Keep a list of emergency phone numbers, such as:	<input type="checkbox"/> Your veterinarian <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbouring Farms <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance agent	<input type="checkbox"/> OMAFRA – Local Office <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas company <input type="checkbox"/> Hydro Company
Make a list of suppliers or businesses providing services to your farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock or milk transport, feed delivery, fuel delivery, etc.	
Contact your insurance agent	<input type="checkbox"/> Review your insurance coverage. <input type="checkbox"/> Get additional coverage for “all-hazard” situations (i.e. flood, hail damage).	
Stockpile supplies needed to protect the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandbags, plastic sheeting, in case of flood <input type="checkbox"/> Wire and rope to secure objects <input type="checkbox"/> Lumber and plywood to protect windows <input type="checkbox"/> Extra fuel for tractors and vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand tools for preparation and recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguishers in all barns, in all vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> A safe supply of food to feed livestock <input type="checkbox"/> A gas powered generator
Identify areas to relocate your assets (i.e. higher elevation), if needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock and horses <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Feed, grain, hay <input type="checkbox"/> Agrochemicals (i.e. pesticides, herbicides)
Remove or secure any loose equipment or materials, such as lumber, fuel tanks.		
Prepare farm employees	<input type="checkbox"/> Inform them of the farm’s emergency plan; review it with them regularly. <input type="checkbox"/> Identify shelter-in-place or evacuation locations. <input type="checkbox"/> Establish a phone tree with contact information for all employees.	
When leaving the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that the electricity on the farm (typically on a power pole into the farm) is turned off.	