



Rural Disaster Resilience Project Resources *Information Guide: Manitoba*

General Information

Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization (MEMO)

The Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization (MEMO) website has all kinds of valuable information about hazards, including information regarding Regional Managers and staff throughout the province who are able to take calls and do their best to answer any questions about hazards that you may have.

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<http://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/index.html>

The MEMO website provides detailed information as to Environment Canada's flood forecasts and Weather Radio Information, in addition to an interactive flood risk map via a link to the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency's website.

As well as providing either direct information or links to alerts and warnings, the MEMO website provides hazards information on:

Winter Power Failures
Pandemic
Flooding
Severe Storms
Chemical Releases

Tornados
Wilderness Travel Safety
Forest Fires
Bomb Threats
Suspicious Packages

Local District Contacts

The website below provides a starting point for identifying local district contacts for your community.

In Manitoba contact information for regional districts, rural municipalities and villages is available at

<http://www.web5.gov.mb.ca/public/municipalities.aspx>

Areas and Districts

School Districts

For School Districts in Manitoba go to

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/schooldivmap.html>

Electoral Boundaries and Districts

The Government of Manitoba has a "Maps" section which may be helpful

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/services/maps.html>

Territorial Policing

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

You can locate RCMP Detachments in Manitoba at

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/mb/detach/index-eng.htm>

Fire Protection Areas

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

Manitoba Fire Departments can be contacted for fire protection area information at <http://www.firehall.com/departments.php?prov=mb>

Territorial Geological Organization

In Manitoba see the Manitoba Geological Survey
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/stem/mrd/geo/exp-sup/mbgeology.html>

Geography - General

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Civil Emergency Measures Act

Manitoba: Emergency Measures Act

The legislation which covers disasters in Manitoba is called the Emergency Program Act.
<http://www.canlii.org/en/mb/laws/stat/ccsm-c-e80/latest/ccsm-c-e80.html>

There are a few definitions and legal requirements under the Act which are important to understand (note that this list is selected from a larger list and the text has, in some cases, been edited for length).

"co-ordinator" means the Executive Co-ordinator of the Emergency Measures Organization

"department" means a department of the government of Manitoba and includes a Crown agency, board or commission established by the government of Manitoba

"disaster" means a calamity, however caused, which has resulted in or may result in

- (a) the loss of life; or
- (b) serious harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of people; or
- (b) wide-spread damage to property or the environment

"emergency" means a present or imminent situation or condition that requires prompt action to prevent or limit

- (a) the loss of life; or
- (b) harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of people; or

- (c) damage to property or the environment

"emergency management program" means a program prepared by a department under section 8.1

"emergency plan" means a plan for preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters

"emergency preparedness program" means a program designed to achieve a state of readiness for emergencies and disasters

"local authority" means

- (a) the council of an incorporated community as defined in The Northern Affairs Act
- (b) the council of a municipality
- (c) the council of an incorporated city, town or village
- (d) the resident administrator or council of a local government district
- (e) the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs with respect to Northern Manitoba as defined in The Northern Affairs Act
- (f) the Minister of Conservation with respect to provincial parks, crown lands, wildlife management areas or refuges
- (g) the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development appointed under the Indian Act (Canada) with respect to a reserve as defined by that Act
- (h) the Minister of National Defense with respect to a Canadian Forces Base
- (i) the Minister responsible for national parks under the National Parks Act (Canada) with respect to a national park

"municipality" means

- (a) an incorporated city, town or village
- (b) a municipality as defined by The Municipal Act
- (e) a local government district, and
- (f) Northern Manitoba, as defined by The Northern Affairs Act

"private sector" means a person, partnership, unincorporated association or organization that is not a local authority and is not part of the Government of Manitoba or the Government of Canada.

Thus, local authorities are broadly defined to include representatives from both incorporated communities and some unincorporated communities. Ultimate authority, in terms of the approval of disaster plans, rests the coordinator. Further under the legislation, every local authority:

- (a) Shall establish a committee of members of the community to advise the authority on the development of emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans
- (b) shall establish and maintain a local emergency response control group

- (c) shall appoint a person from the local emergency response control group and prescribe the duties of that person including the preparation and co-ordination of emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans for the local authority
- (d) Shall prepare and adopt emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans and submit
- (e) Shall prepare and adopt emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans and submit them to the co-ordinator for approval and co-ordination with other emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans.

Community History

Provincial archives are a great place to search for early history on your community – it may be a bit confusing to access information at first, so take some time to get orientated to each website.

Manitoba Archives

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/>

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General Territorial Statistics

You can find statistics on the Government of Manitoba’s website

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/mbs/communities/index.html>

Vital Statistics

Manitoba

<http://vitalstats.gov.mb.ca/>

SUPPLEMENTAL TERRITORIAL HAZARDS INFORMATION

Droughts

http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/water_info/hydrology/drought.html

Wildfires and Forest Fires

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/fire/>

RDRP: Resources

Floods

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/floodinfo/index.html>

Human Disease, Epidemics, and Pandemics

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/index.html>