



# Rural Disaster Resilience Project Resources

## *Information Guide: Nova Scotia*

### General Information

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#### Emergency Management Office Nova Scotia

The Emergency Management Office Nova Scotia (EMONS) 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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| <p>General Contact Information<br/>         Emergency Management Office Nova Scotia<br/>         Tel: (902) 424-5620<br/>         Toll-free: (866) 424-5620<br/>         Fax: (902) 424-5376<br/>         Email: <a href="mailto:emo@gov.ns.ca">emo@gov.ns.ca</a><br/>         Location: 21 Mount Hope Avenue Suite 100<br/>         Dartmouth, Nova Scotia<br/>         Mailing Address: PO Box 2581 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3N5</p> |  |
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<http://emo.gov.ns.ca/>

#### Nova Scotia Regional Offices

Each of the 55 municipalities within the Province of Nova Scotia has an Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), an emergency response plan and an emergency operations centre. In some cases municipalities have joined together to develop a regional emergency response plan and a central operations centre for their respective jurisdictions, these are referred to as Regional Emergency Management Offices (REMO). The websites below will either provide you with a direct EMC contact or jurisdictional contact information in order to begin your search for more information regarding disaster plans and emergency response in your area.



Annapolis REMO: <http://www.annapoliscounty.ns.ca/>  
Antigonish REMO: <http://www.antigonishcounty.ns.ca/EMO.htm>  
Barrington REMO: <http://www.barringtonmunicipality.com/>  
Cape Breton Regional Municipality: <http://www.cbrm.ns.ca/emergency-management-organization.html>  
Colchester REMO: <http://www.colchester.ca/emergency-measures>  
Cumberland REMO: <http://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/emergency-contact.html>  
Eskasoni First Nations: <http://www.eskasoni.ca/Home/>  
First Nation Membertou: <http://www.membertou.ca/departments.asp>  
Halifax Regional Municipality: <http://www.halifax.ca/EMO/>  
Hants West REMO: [http://www.westhants.ca/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=73](http://www.westhants.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=73)  
Kings REMO: <http://www.county.kings.ns.ca/residents/fire.htm>  
Lunenburg REMO: <http://www.emergencymeasures.ca/about-remo.html>  
Municipality of Argyle: <http://www.munargyle.com/>  
Municipality of Clare: <http://www.clarenovascotia.com/>  
Municipality of Digby: <http://www.digbydistrict.ca/>  
Municipality of East Hants: <http://www.easthants.ca>  
Municipality of Guysborough: <http://www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/>  
Municipality of Inverness: <http://www.inverness-ns.ca/>  
Municipality of Richmond: <http://www.richmondcounty.ca/>  
Municipality of St. Mary's: <http://www.saint-marys.ca/services/emergency-measures.html>  
Municipality of Victoria: <http://www.victoriacounty.com/>  
Pictou REMO: <http://www.county.pictou.ns.ca/>  
Region of Queens Municipality: <http://www.regionofqueens.com/index.asp?id=8>  
Shelburne REMO: <http://www.municipalityofshelburne.ca/>  
Town of Amherst: <http://www.amherst.ca/>  
Town of Digby: <http://www.digby.ca/>  
Town of Lunenburg: <http://www.explorelunenburg.ca/>  
Town of Mulgrave: <http://www.townofmulgrave.ca/>  
Town of Parrsboro: <http://www.town.parrsboro.ns.ca/>  
Town of Port Hawkesbury: <http://www.townofporthawkesbury.ca/>  
Yarmouth REMO: <http://www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca/>

The EMONS website provides detailed information as to Environment Canada weather warnings, Environment Canada hurricane and tropical storm watches and warnings, and United States National Hurricane Centre warnings.

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

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| Hurricanes                   | Power Outages |
| Floods                       | Winter Storms |
| Wildfires                    | Storm Surges  |
| Search and Rescue Operations |               |

## Local District Contacts

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

In Nova Scotia contact information for municipal districts is available at <http://www.unsm.ca/>

## Areas and Districts

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### School Districts

For School Districts in Nova Scotia go to <http://ns-schools.ednet.ns.ca/>

### Electoral Boundaries and Districts

The Nova Scotia Boundaries [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Nova\\_Scotia\\_provincial\\_electoral\\_districts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Nova_Scotia_provincial_electoral_districts)

## Territorial Policing

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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 Nova Scotia at <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ns/detach/index-eng.htm>

## Fire Protection Areas

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

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

## Territorial Geological Organization

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In Nova Scotia see Department of Natural Resources <http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/>

## Geography - General

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The Nova Scotia Statistical Division's affiliated project "Community Counts" has a "Map Centre" section which may be helpful

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/geonova/home/default.asp>

## Civil Emergency Measures Act

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Nova Scotia: Emergency Management Act

The legislation which covers disasters in Nova Scotia is called the Emergency Management Act

<http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/emergmnt.htm>

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).

"emergency" means a present or imminent event in respect of which the Minister or a municipality, as the case may be, believes prompt co-ordination of action or regulation of persons or property must be undertaken to protect property or the health, safety or welfare of people in the Province

"Emergency Management Office" means the Emergency Management Office established pursuant to the Public Service Act

"emergency management plan" means any plan, program or procedure prepared by the Province or a municipality, as the case may be, that is intended to mitigate the effects of an emergency or disaster and to provide for the safety, health or welfare of the civil population and the protection of property in the event of such an occurrence

"Fire Marshal" means the Fire Marshal appointed pursuant to the Fire Prevention Act

"municipality" means a city, an incorporated town or a municipality of a county or district

"police officer" means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a police officer of a municipality

"state of emergency" means a state of emergency declared by the Minister or renewed by the Minister pursuant to this Act

"state of local emergency" means a state of local emergency declared by a municipality or renewed by it pursuant to this Act

Thus, "municipality" broadly includes both cities and municipalities of counties or districts. Ultimate authority rests with the Minister, but municipalities must:

- 10 (1) (a) subject to the approval of the Minister, establish and maintain a municipal emergency by-law
- (b) establish and maintain a municipal emergency management organization
- (c) appoint a co-ordinator of the municipal emergency management organization and prescribe the duties of the co-ordinator which shall include the preparation and co-ordination of emergency management plans for the municipality

- (d) appoint a committee consisting of members of the municipal council to advise it on the development of emergency management plans
  - (e) prepare and approve emergency management plans.
- 10 (2) (b) \*The municipality may enter into agreements with and make payments to persons and organizations for the provision of services in the development and implementation of emergency management plans enter into an arrangement or agreement with any other municipality respecting a common organization, plan or program.

## Community History

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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.

Nova Scotia Archives

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/>

## Community Information

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Nova Scotia culture

<http://novascotia.ca/cch/>

## General Territorial Statistics

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You can find statistics on the Finance Nova Scotia website

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/statistics/agency/default.asp>

## Vital Statistics

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<http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/access/vitalstats.asp>

## SuPPLemental TerRitorial Hazards Information

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Wildfires and Forest Fires

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/>

Floods

<http://emo.gov.ns.ca/content/sanitation-and-safety-after-flood>

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/muns/plan/provint/default.asp>