



# Rural Disaster Resilience Project Resources *Information Guide: Ontario*

## General Information

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### Emergency Management Ontario

The Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) website has all kinds of valuable information about hazards, including contact information for the Provincial Emergency Medical Assistance Team; Provincial Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Response Teams; and the Provincial Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team. Unlike other provinces, the Ontario provincial government does not provide comprehensive listings of regional EMO offices.

Please click on the links below to learn more about Ontario's provincial emergency response resources.

Ontario's Emergency Medical Assistance Team (EMAT):

<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/insideemo/insideemo.html>

Ontario's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Response Teams (CBRNE):

[http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/emcommunity/response\\_resources/cbrne/cbrne.html](http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/emcommunity/response_resources/cbrne/cbrne.html)

Ontario's Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team (HUSAR):

[http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/emcommunity/response\\_resources/husar/husar.html](http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/emcommunity/response_resources/husar/husar.html)

<p>General Contact Information          Tel: (416) 314-3723          Toll-free: 1-877-314-3723          Fax: (416) 314-3758          Mailing Address: Ministry of Community Safety          and Correctional Services          Emergency Management Ontario, 77          Wellesley Street West Box 222, Toronto,          Ontario M7A 1N3</p>	
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<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/home.html>

The EMO website provides detailed information about signing up for Ontario emergency email alerts. As well as providing either direct information or links to alerts and warnings, the EMO website provides hazards information on:

Winter Storms

Road Safety

Wildfires

Forest Fires

Floods

Winter Power Outages

Pandemics

Earthquakes

Tornados

Chemical Emergencies

Thunder Storms

## Local District Contacts

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

In Ontario contact information for municipal districts is available at [http://www.omb.gov.on.ca/english/ContactInformation/contact\\_us.html](http://www.omb.gov.on.ca/english/ContactInformation/contact_us.html)

## Areas and Districts

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### School Districts

For School Districts in Ontario go to <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/sbinfo/boardList.html>

### Electoral Boundaries and Districts

Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources has a "Maps" section which may be helpful <http://www.elections.on.ca/en-CA/Tools/ElectoralDistricts/EDMaps/EDMapsintro.htm>

## Territorial Policing

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

You can locate Ontario Provincial Police detachments at <http://www.opp.ca/ecms/index.php?id=326>

You can locate RCMP Detachments in Ontario at <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/on/detach/index-eng.htm>

## Fire Protection Areas

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Ontario Fire Departments can be contacted for fire protection area information at

<http://www.firehall.com/departments.php?prov=on>

## Territorial Geological Organization

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In Ontario see the Ontario Geological Survey

[http://www.mndmf.gov.on.ca/mines/ogs/default\\_e.asp](http://www.mndmf.gov.on.ca/mines/ogs/default_e.asp)

## Geography - General

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Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources has a "Maps" section which may be helpful

[http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/STEL02\\_168321.html](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/STEL02_168321.html)

## Civil Emergency Measures Act

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Ontario: Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

The legislation which covers disasters in Ontario is called the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

<http://www.canlii.org/en/on/laws/stat/rso-1990-c-e9/latest/rso-1990-c-e9.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).

"emergency" means a situation or an impending situation that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or other health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise

"emergency area" means the area in which an emergency exists

"emergency management program" means a program developed under section 2.1 or 5.1

"emergency plan" means a plan formulated under section 3, 6, 8 or 8.1

"employee of a municipality" means an employee as defined in section 278 of the Municipal Act, 2001

"head of council" includes a chair of the board of an improvement district

"local board" means a local board as defined in the Municipal Affairs Act

"local services board" means a Local Services Board established under the Local Services Boards Act;

"member of council" includes a trustee of the board of an improvement district

Thus, if you are a municipality or “provincial government body” you are required to develop a disaster plan. Further under the legislation, plans must be reviewed annually:

(3) Every minister of the Crown described in clause (1) (a) and every agency, board, commission or other branch of government described in clause (1) (b) shall review and, if necessary, revise its emergency plan every year.

## 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.

Ontario Archives

<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/>

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## General Territorial Statistics

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You can find statistics on the Ontario Ministry of Finance’s website

<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/index.html>

## Vital Statistics

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<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/archival-records/interloan/vsmain.aspx>

## SuPPlemental TerRitorial Hazards Information

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Forest and Wild Fires

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/AFFM/2ColumnSubPage/268862.html>

Floods

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/EmergencyManagement/2ColumnSubPage/239496.html>