



Thompson-Nicola Regional District

Responsibilities of Electing to Stay During an Evacuation Order

For Immediate Release (Aug 14, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.): The TNRD bases Evacuation Orders on the recommendations of BC Wildfire and these orders are placed for the safety of our residents. Leaving during an Evacuation Order is the best course of action for your personal safety. Leaving when ordered also allows BC Wildfire to operate in the most effective way possible. For these reasons, the TNRD strongly recommends that residents evacuate when ordered to do so.

For those who elect to stay in an area that is under Evacuation Order, staying comes with the requirement that you remain on your own property at all times. Moving outside of your property can interfere with fire operations and negatively impact the firefighting efforts. If you leave your property, the RCMP will issue a warning. If you leave your property after receiving a warning, the RCMP will escort you from the Evacuation Order zone.

The TNRD recognizes that some residents choose to remain during an evacuation order, but doing so comes with a degree of risk. Residents must be aware of changing conditions and that the danger may increase at any time. If you feel at risk, please self-evacuate to remove yourself from potential harm.

If you require more information or have questions about what to do during an Evacuation Order, visit tnrd.ca or call the TNRD Emergency Operation Centre at 1-866-377-7188.

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