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## **Yukoners are encouraged to prepare for unanticipated emergencies**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is marking Emergency Preparedness Week by reminding Yukoners of the importance of having a personal 72-hour emergency kit. This year people are invited to share their tips, ideas and photos via Twitter using #yukonready. Emergency Preparedness Week runs from May 4 to 10 across the country.

"Emergency Preparedness Week is a good opportunity for all Yukoners to prepare for potential emergency events," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said. "It is important for all of us to be prepared for unexpected emergency events, and we encourage all Yukoners to update their household emergency plans and survival kits for their homes and vehicles."

Every year Yukon experiences wildfires, floods, avalanches, extreme weather conditions and other emergency events. There are some simple steps you can take to prepare for the range of emergencies that can occur:

- know the risks;
- make a plan; and,
- prepare an emergency kit that provides supplies for at least 72 hours without power or running water.

A 72-hour household emergency kit can help sustain individuals and their pets so emergency responders can focus on those in urgent need in the event of a large-scale emergency.

### **Learn more:**

Emergency preparedness information: [community.gov.yk.ca/emo/planning.html](http://community.gov.yk.ca/emo/planning.html).

Follow Yukon Emergency Measures Organization on Facebook and Twitter, use #yukonready.

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