



# Town of Elrose **NEWSLETTER**

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## May 2019

### **Full Time Summer Student Labourer Position**

The Town of Elrose is currently seeking to hire a full time Summer Student Labourer, for Town maintenance, beginning as early as May 13, 2019.

Applicant must hold a valid class 5 license.

Please submit resumes via email:

[townofelrose@sasktel.net](mailto:townofelrose@sasktel.net) or by Fax: 306-378-2966

### **Emergency Preparedness Week – May 5-11, 2019**

The national theme for Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week 2019 is “Be Emergency Ready”.

#### **Plan**

In an emergency, your family may not be together, or you may be asked to evacuate your home. Thinking about what you would do in different situations and preparing a plan with every member of your family is the first step to being prepared. View “Making a Family Plan” video at [www.getprepared.ca](http://www.getprepared.ca).

#### **Prepare**

Build a ready kit. The kit should have everything you and your family would need to be safe and take care of yourselves for at least three days immediately following an emergency.

#### **Be Aware**

SaskAlert is Saskatchewan’s emergency public alerting program which will provide critical information on emergency events as they are occurring so you will be able to take action to protect yourself, your family and property.

For additional information on preparing for an emergency, please see enclosed information sheet.

### **Just a reminder:**

- **Yard Maintenance** – With the arrival of spring, we would ask that everyone please keep your property cleaned up. This includes grass cutting and trimming of trees that overhang sidewalks and alleyways, as well as, removal of garbage, debris, and decrepit vehicles. Please do not dispose of grass clippings etc.. in the alley, these can be taken to the compost pile. Thank you.
- **Tax Notice eNotice** - With Tax Notices coming out soon, we want to remind you that we have the ability to email your Tax Notice instead of sending them by mail. eNotice consent forms are available from the Town Office or can be emailed to you by request.



**Elrose Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Crew  
are going FARMING!**

**BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Thanks to Robert Byers, we are farming 160 acres with  
1/2 the profit going to **S.T.A.R.S Air Ambulance** and  
the other 1/2 to **Elrose Volunteer Fire and Ambulance**.  
Both are an essential services to small town Saskatchewan.

If you can help in any way with  
**EQUIPMENT  
PRODUCT  
TIME  
SERVICES  
WHATEVER?**

please contact:

**Blayne Kutz 306-378-7499  
Mark Torrance 306-378-7244  
Ryan Giles 306-378-7662**

We are well aware that it is late in the season but have no  
doubt that with the help of our wonderful and generous  
community we can achieve this task.

The profits from this fundraiser are going towards purchasing  
a Cardiac Thumper (a device that delivers consistent chest  
compressions during cardiac arrest)

# Preparing for an Emergency

Could you be self-sufficient for 72 hours in an emergency?

Emergencies can occur at any time. In an emergency, response agencies focus their efforts first where the need is greatest. That is why individual emergency preparedness is so important.

It only takes four simple steps to become better prepared to face an emergency.

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- Get or prepare an emergency kit
- Download the SaskAlert app for your smartphone

## Know the Risks

Find out what risks could happen where you live, then learn how to protect you and your family if they occur.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood    | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe weather   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire (includes house fires, grass fires or forest fires) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tornado  | <input type="checkbox"/> Train derailment |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blizzard | <input type="checkbox"/> Power outage     |   |

## Make a Plan

What you would do in an event like the ones above, especially if you were asked to evacuate your home or if your family was separated? Your family's emergency plan should include:

- ☐ **A family communications plan**  
How will you get in touch with each other? Who are your out-of-town contacts that family members could reach during an emergency to connect and share information?
- ☐ **List of emergency numbers**  
Write down the numbers for local police, fire department, family doctor, insurance company, utility companies, and family/friends who can help you in a crisis
- ☐ **Evacuation plans**  
What are the two ways you could exit your house in a fire? Where would you stay if you were told to leave your home during a disaster? How would family members with special health concerns or pets be cared for during an emergency?

## Emergency Kit

Your emergency kit should be able to help your family members (including those with special health concerns and pets) be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. You can purchase premade kits or assemble your own that you will pack in an easy-to-carry bag(s) or a case-on-wheels.

Items\* you may wish to include in your kit:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for 3 days)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bags or blankets  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled water (4 litres per person each day for drinking, hygiene, washing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spare clothes, shoes   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A manual can opener   | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing cards, travel games, other activities for children   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic plates and cutlery  | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra car keys   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candles and matches/lighter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage bags and zip-lock bags  | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle (to attract attention, if needed)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-aid kits  | <input type="checkbox"/> Photographs of each family member and pets (write their age, weight, height and other characteristics on the back)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications and copies of prescriptions                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Items for babies and small children like diapers, formula, bottles and baby food                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer or moist towelettes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of important papers, such as insurance, driver's licence, passports, birth/marriage certificates, wills, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal items (soap, toothpaste/toothbrush, shampoo, comb, etc.)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Printed procedures to shut off home utilities (water, electricity, gas)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio (crank or battery-run)  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries   |   |

*\* Your kit should be tailored to your family's needs. For example, you may need to develop specific plans and store emergency food and supplies for family members with specific medical conditions. The local evacuation or reception centre may not allow your pet(s) to stay with you, so you may need to develop specialized plans and have emergency food and supplies stored for each of your animals.*

Check and refresh your kit twice a year including all expiry dates and replace food and water with a fresh supply. Check batteries and replace as needed. Keep your cell phone fully charged.

For more tips and ideas to help with emergency preparedness, visit our website:

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety> or Public Safety Canada at [www.publicsafety.gc.ca](http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca).