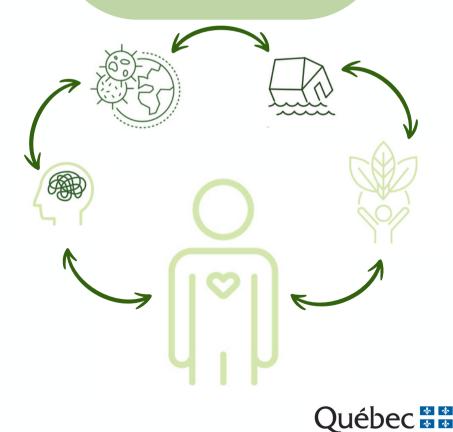
# My climate emergency notebook

Getting ready... and getting well!



# WHAT TO DO WITH THIS NOTEBOOK?

### This notebook is a very practical tool, keep it!

Its information, check lists and fill-in sheets enable you to prepare for emergencies right away. That way, in the event of road closures, food shortages, power or internet failures, you won't be left out in the cold!

- Go through this booklet and fill it in.  ${\mathscr I}$
- Follow the instructions to get ready.
- Cut out the page 45 for your car.
- Cut out the page 47 for the fridge.
- Keep this book in a safe place! 20

You are all set! Pull it out when a storm approaches or after an event to help you recover.

Happy storms!

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Are you more of a "techno" type? Download the electronic version available on cisssdesiles.com and on muniles.ca

But remember, in the event of a breakdown, a completed paper version will always come in handy!

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#### Notice

The Quebec.ca site remains the official reference and the most complete source of information on civil security in Quebec. Visit https://www.quebec.ca/securite-situationsurgence/urgences-sinistres-risks-naturels/quoi-faire-avantpendant-apres-urgence-sinistre for more information.

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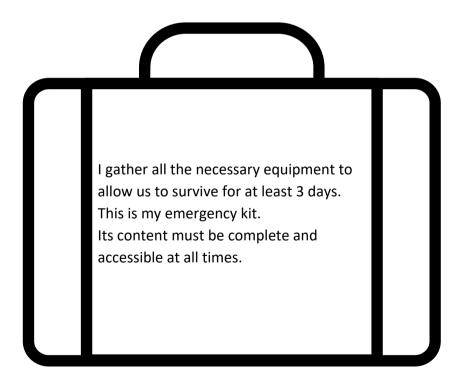
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# GETTING READY ...

### Preparing my emergency kit

In an emergency situation, I am the first person responsible for my own safety. So I have to prepare for the unexpected!

Following these tips will help keep myself and everyone in my home safe:



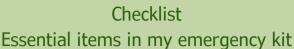


I check this content twice a year, at time change. I replace it as needed.



- Water for drinking (at least 6 liters per person)
- Food and non-perishable food for at least 3 days (canned goods, energy snack bars, dried foods, etc.)
- Manual can opener
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Crank or battery operated radio
- Extra batteries
- [③] ○ Cash
- $_{\odot}\,$  Candles and lighter or matches
- First aid kit (antiseptics, painkillers, adhesive bandages, sterile gauze pads, scissors, etc.)
- O This notebook filled and up to date!







- Water for food preparation and hygiene (6 liters more water per person)
- Utensils
- Change of clothes and shoes for each occupant of the home
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Waste bags
- Hand sanitizer
- Toiletries : soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, condoms, etc.
- Prescription medications for at least a week
- Basic tools (hammer, pliers, adjustable wrench, screwdriver, work gloves, dust mask, pocket knife)











Checklist





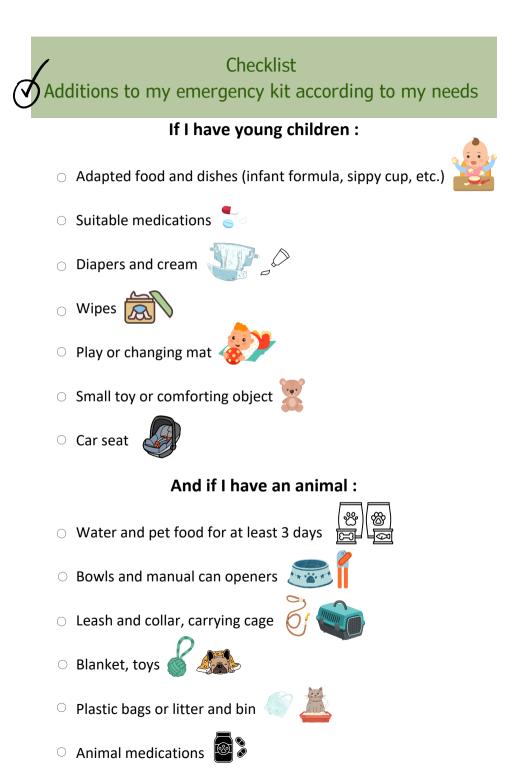
- Adhesive tape to seal windows, doors and air ducts
- Portable cell phone charger, pre-charged, and power cable
- Corded phone

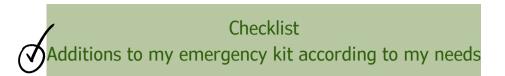


- Bag or suitcase or bin
- $\bigcirc$  Identity documents and important papers  $\left[ \square = \right]$
- House and car keys
- O Other : \_\_\_\_\_\_









#### If I have health problems or limitations:

- Non-perishable foods according to my diet
- Equipment and devices necessary for my needs (see page 22) :
  - 🔾 glasses 🛴
  - $\odot$  hearing aid  $\mathfrak{P}^{m}$
  - 🔾 orthodontic appliance 🛛 🤍
  - 🔿 denture, denture cleaner
  - $\circ$  medical shoes, cane, walker  $\square$
  - $\odot$  wheelchair (with tire repair kit and thick gloves)  $\longrightarrow$
  - o incontinence briefs
  - glucometer and strips
- - $_{\odot}$  breathing apparatus (and backup power source)
- O A minimum of one week's supply of my medications (and request a

list of my medications from my pharmacy or list them on page 24) 💐

- MedicAlert<sup>®</sup> bracelet or ID
- Latex free glove





# Building a support network

- Ask people I trust if they are willing to help me in an emergency.
- Identify 3 people and write them on the right. This will be my support network.
- 3. Keep their contact details handy!
- 4. If necessary, ask them to help me fill out my notebook or prepare my emergency kit.
- 5. Tell them where I store my notebook and my kit.
- 6. Explain to them my needs, how my medical equipment

works and who else to look after in an emergency (see

pages 16 to 25).

7. Once my notebook is filled, give them a copy or photos before putting it away.

My support network :

1) A person who can help me quickly in an emergency (a neighbor)

Name :	 	
Link :	 	
Address :		
<b>(b</b> ) :		
<u> </u>		

2) A person further away who will not be in the same situation as me


3) Another person who could give me support

Name :	 	
Link :	 	
Address :		
© :		



In an emergency situation, I also have to watch over the people and animals who depend on me.

Who are they? What will their needs be?



#### Children who depend on me :

Name :
Special needs :
Other emergency contact :
Name :
Special needs :
Other emergency contact :
Name :
Special needs :
Other emergency contact :
Name :
Special needs :
Other emergency contact : -



Animals:

Name :
Type of animal :
Special needs :
Other emergency contact :
Name :
Type of animal :
Special needs :
Other emergency contact :

# Other occupants of my house:

Name :
Special needs :
Other emergency contact :
Name :
Special needs :
Other emergency contact :
Name :
Special needs :
Other emergency contact :

### People for whom I am a caregiver:

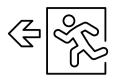
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#### Other people to contact in case of emergency

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Link or service :
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### Preparing my emergency evacuation

- Keep my exits clear at all times!
- Make an evacuation plan for my house.
- Decide on the gathering place (example: at the front of the house, near the street) :

#### If I have difficulty using the stairs or to move quickly:

In the event of an evacuation, I may need to use a wheelchair, walker, crutches or cane.

If necessary, request that an emergency evacuation chair be kept near my stairwell.

With my support network, familiarize myself with my emergency exits and equipment.

# Prepare my personal information

My health insurance card number :

Doctor :
Social worker :
<u>ک</u> :
Health insurance company :
My insurance policy number :
<u>گ</u> :
Home insurance company :
My insurance policy number :
(C):
$\bigcirc$
Banking institution :
©:



I will need special help for :

Adapted or medical equipment that I use :

Where to stay in the event of a prolonged power outage :

Special diet :\_\_\_\_\_

Other special needs :\_\_\_\_\_

# My medications

Pharmacy :
©:
Ask my pharmacy for a list of my medications.
Otherwise, write them here. Example: #3456, aspirin,
80 mg once daily, heart.
Prescription number :
Name of medicine :
Dosage and number of times per day :
Reason :
Prescription number :
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Name of medicine :		
Dosage and number of times per day :		
Reason :		

# Preventing dangerous situations



#### Urgent repairs and safety

Sometimes, to avoid damage, urgent actions are necessary :

- Turn off water or electricity when recommended
- Block doors or windows
- Remove water from the basement and dry it out
- Move valuable possessions
- Remove debris



But above all, don't put myself in danger!

My safety must always come first!

If I am in immediate danger, I call 911.

Example: fire, danger of electrocution, destruction of my shelter, life in danger, etc.



If I am NOT in danger and I notice a water main, sewer or road break, I notify my municipality:

- Magdalen Islands : 418 986-3100
- Grosse-Île : 418 985-2510







### Generator, cooking and heating

### Attention!

Generators and cooking or heating appliances can generate a toxic, odorless and colorless gas : carbon monoxide (CO). CO poisoning can quickly occur and be fatal...

This is why in the presence of these devices, if I have symptoms, even mild (headaches, fatigue, nausea or vomiting), I must immediately evacuate the premises and call 911.

### Precautions to take:

- Use the generator and cooking appliances only outdoors, in a well-ventilated area.
- 2 Keep these devices a safe distance from windows and air inlets in the house.
- 3 Have a CO detector and make sure it works.



Never use them for heating.

Never use them indoors!

# Food safety in the event of a breakdown

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible!
- Foods in the freezer will stay frozen for 1 day (2 days if full).
- Food in the refrigerator will stay cold for 4 hours (6 hours if full).
- Use ice or a friend's freezer if necessary.
- Sort food when power returns.



## Getting ready to hit the road



In the event of an emergency, **where** I will go and **how** will I get there?



**Plan two routes to leave** my area in the event of an evacuation - in case one road is impassable.



**Prepare a first aid kit for the car** (see page 45 to cut out and leave in the car).



**Check** this first aid kit **twice a year**, when the time changes.



First, do no harm! **Follow the instructions** and prepare to limit my movements so as not to clog public roads.



Before any necessary travel, consult **CFIM 92.7 FM** to find out the road conditions or **Quebec 511** for provincial roads and municipal platforms (**Facebook and bciti+**) for municipal roads.

# Preparing myself to leave my home

In the event of an evacuation notice from the Municipality :

- Listen to the radio or visit the Municipality website (www.muniles.ca) to find out which sectors are affected.
- Notify all occupants of the house.
- Check road conditions (Quebec 511).
- Keep the contents of my emergency kit and items on hand to meet my needs (see pages 8 to 13).
- Leave with recommended equipment as soon as emergency operations officials advise me to evacuate my home.
- Follow their instructions to find out if I need to turn off the water, electricity and gas before leaving.
- Write on a sheet of paper "We are all gone" and indicate where. Place the sheet in the door when leaving.
- Take the routes indicated by those in charge.
- O not take shortcuts as they may be blocked or dangerous.



Never cross a flooded area.

# GETTING WELL!

### What to watch for when you return?



Do not enter a building that has suffered significant damage!



Come back during the day to see better.



Walk around the house outside to assess if any damage has occurred.



Monitor the foundation, doors and windows, the condition of the roof and signs of flooding.



Once safe, take an inventory of the damage, with supporting photos or videos.

Tip: taking photos BEFORE the damage allows you to compare.



#### If I fear a risk to my residence

911 if immediate danger!

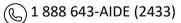
Once safe, I report to my municipality the presence of :

- water or debris on my property after a storm surge (submersion)
- loss of land (erosion)
- cracks in the ground (ground movements).

After the site visit by the municipality and civil security :

- I comply with the advice received
- I find out about my options
- I find out about the eligible expenses and the amounts that can be granted to me:

Quebec.ca/claims-help

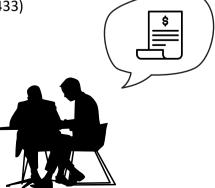


#### If I was affected by a disaster

- I keep all receipts and invoices : urgent work, costs for accommodation elsewhere, etc.
- I make sure I am identified as a disaster victim with my municipality.
- I call my insurer as soon as possible (see page 21).
- If I cannot stay at home, I inform my insurer because I may be entitled to compensation.
- Depending on the situation, my insurer will give me instructions to follow.
- I also inform my landlord or the financial institution that granted me a mortgage loan (see page 21).
- I can apply for financial assistance from the ministère de la Sécurité publique :



🕞 1 888 643-AIDE (2433)



# TAKING CARE OF MYSELF AND OTHERS

#### A normal reaction to an abnormal situation

An important event occurred in my community. This event gave us surprise, perhaps fear. Here are common reactions after experiencing unexpected and impressive situations:



 $\bigcirc$  Physical reactions : headaches, stomach aches, fatigue, agitation, sleep problems.

- Cognitive and emotional reactions : difficulty concentrating, anxiety, feelings of vulnerability, concerns about safety and fears that the event will happen again.
- Behavioral reactions : avoidance of the event location, need to ensure that loved ones are safe, alcohol or drug abuse, anger.





There is no miracle solution!

My reactions are NORMAL and necessary for my recovery. I react in my own way to a significant event. My reactions are signs of my efforts to adjust to this situation.

Fortunately, there are several ways to take care of myself. Also, do not hesitate to ask my loved ones for help if necessary! (See also pages 42-43 for support.)



# To improve my well-being



#### Show indulgence

- · Believe in my abilities, build on my strengths
- · Prioritize my needs
- Grant myself the right to emotion
- Recognize and respect my limits
- Delegate tasks and ask for help

#### Take care of my lifestyle

- Limit my consumption of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and gambling
- Exercise regularly
- Give myself enough sleep
- · Limit time on screens and social media
- Take care to eat well

#### Give myself time

- To move and relieve stress : cycling, walking, swimming, outdoor or household maintenance, etc.
- To unwind : meditate, relax, take a bath, journal, go into nature, music, etc.
- To create and entertain myself : knit, paint, draw, dance, sing, do puzzles, cook, etc.

#### Maintain positive connections

- Get news from those around me
- Avoid being alone, surround myself with loved ones
- Get involved in the community and contribute to solidarity, volunteer, etc.

#### Be kind to others

- Being present for others and offering a listening ear
- Adopt an open and tolerant attitude
- Focus on positive emotions
- Adopt simple gestures that make you smile



## Psychological health barometer How to assess psychological health

IN HEALTH	Calm and collected Good energy level Alertness Restorative sleep Sense of humor Self-confidence Physically and socially active No or low-risk consumption (alcohol, drugs, etc.)	
IN REACTION		Occasional anxiety and sadness Irritable Difficulty sleeping Procrastination Self-doubt Reduced physical activity Tension and headaches Risky drinking (alcohol, drugs, etc.)
FRAGILE	Frequent anxiety and sadness Anger - Contempt Lack of concentration Restless sleep, nightmares Feeling of being overwhelmed Physical pain Fatigue Inactive Problematic consumption (alcohol, drugs, etc.)	
IN DISTRESS	Avoided social contacts	Constant anxiety and sadness Suicidal thoughts Excessive anger Inability to concentrate Severe sleep problems Inability to do tasks Suspicious Physical illnesses Exhaustion Interruption of contact with loved ones Depression Abuse or dependence

#### How to react to a person's psychological distress?



It is sometimes difficult to accept the reactions or emotions of a person experiencing a difficult situation causing stress, anxiety or distress.

#### Examples of good practices

- Remain calm and adopt a warm, honest and empathetic attitude.
- Listen to the person, let them express themselves about their difficulties and identify their needs.
- Normalize the emotions experienced (stress, anxiety, distress, etc.).
- Validate the information received and what the person retains from the discussion.
- Raise hope and optimism : reassure and provide information.
- Recognize your limits and those of the person. Refer to the right resources and respect confidentiality.

# Reactions to avoid

- S Bring the situation back to me.
- Sive my own recipes for happiness.
- Giving solutions too quickly without knowing the whole situation.
- Overestimating my skills and exceeding my role.
- Judging the person/situation or believing they are manipulating me.
- 🚫 Carrying the person's story on me or wanting to save them.
- Naking promises or communicating false information.



- ) What is most difficult for you at the moment?
- When you're going through something difficult, who do you usually turn to?
- When you're going through difficult times, what usually makes you feel good?
  - ) What type of support do you need most right now?
    - Can I tell you about the resources available? (see next page)
  - What do you remember from our discussion? Does it meet your needs?



# Psychological, legal and financial help



MENTAL HEALTH

**Health info** 811, option 1: for health advice 811, option 2: Info-Social for psychosocial advice

Suicide prevention 1-866-APPELLE (277-3553) Listening and support

**Carrefour Unité** (418) 986-2233 Reception, listening and referral for drug addiction

**Centre communautaire L'Éclaircie** (418) 986-6456 Reception and support related to mental health

Hommes et gars (418) 986-1811 Well-being of the male population



FAMILY SUPPORT

L'Embellie (418) 969-4040 Child development (0 to 5 years) Parental support

Corporation de service d'aide à domicile l'Essentiel (418) 986-4855 Respite, food support, help with domestic work

Entraide communautaire des Îles (418) 986-3240 Food assistance and other basic needs



#### ACCOMMODATION

L'Accalmie (418) 986-5044 Temporary accommodation, domestic or family violence 24/7

Maison à Damas (418) 986-6631 Temporary accommodation for people in difficulty

Red Cross 1-877-362-2433 (emergency number) 418-648-9066 (services) Emergency help



LEGAL

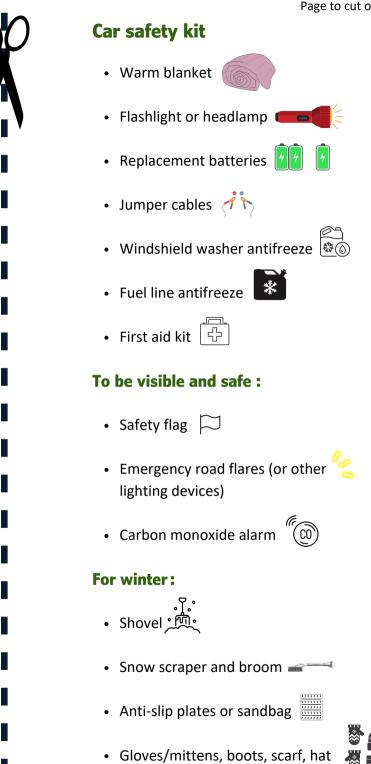
**Juridical help** (418) 986-4143 Family, civil, criminal, bankruptcy law

**Local justice** 1 844-689-1505 Legal information and reference

Ministry of Public Security 1 888 643-AIDE (2433) Québec.ca/claims-aid Financial assistance

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If an emergency situation requires me to stay in my vehicle:

- Report my situation by calling
- Stay calm and stay in my car
- Turn on my hazard lights (flashing)
- Save car battery by alternating use of light, heater and radio
- If it is dark, turn on the interior light of the vehicle so that you are visible to rescuers
- Move to activate my blood circulation and to avoid falling asleep
- Pay attention to the symptoms of hypothermia

If I have to start the engine to keep the vehicle warm, I avoid carbon monoxide poisoning by following these rules :

- Make sure the snow does not block the exhaust pipe
- Slightly open the window on the side away from the wind

before starting the engine

→Run the car engine for 10 minutes per 30 minute period









# Sorting food after a power outage

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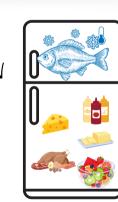
Fresh fruits and vegetables, butter, hard cheeses, condiments.
Food kept cold in the fridge.
Food slightly thawed but still hard in the center, with frost on the packaging.

#### COOK

Food in the fridge that is starting to feel less cold (more than 4°C for less than 2 hours). Thawed and raw food but still cold.

#### THROW

Food in the fridge not cold enough (more than 4°C for 2 hours or more). Change in color or bad smell. Questionable food.







#### **EMERGENCY NUMBER : 911**

Info : cfim.ca 92.7 FM www.muniles.ca Breakdown info : 1 800 790-2424 Road conditions : 511 Health and social emergency info : 811

## **EMERGENCY NUMBERS:**

911 : emergency, immediate danger, evacuation, etc.

Other emergency numbers : 811 : health info, social emergency 511 : road conditions

Breakdown information : 1 800 790-2424

Municipal emergencies (sewers, aqueducts, roads) : Îles-de-la-Madeleine : 418 986-3100 Grosse-Île : 418 985-2510

#### Information to consult in an emergency situation :

CFIM.ca at 92.7 FM

Facebook page of the Municipality of the Islands

www.muniles.ca (or www.mungi.ca)

www.quebec.ca/securite-situations-urgence

