

Emergency Preparedness: Spring 2022 Storm

1. Waste:

- Waste Collection from Wednesday – Friday has been CANCELLED. Next week's collection limits will be doubled for the SW, NE & NW.
- The Waste Disposal Site (landfill) will be closed for the remainder of the week.
- With no waste collection occurring for the remainder of the week, please keep your waste bins away from the curb, as this may interfere with snow clearing operations.

2. Snow Clearing:

Our team's priority will be opening roads to ensure emergency passage is possible. This means that clearing sidewalks and the ends of driveways will be lower priority, and also means that there may be more piles of snow left behind during clearing. If you MUST go out (please, stay at home whenever possible), please exercise extra caution around snow piles and our equipment.

Poor visibility and/or road closures may result in a delay in snow clearing operations. Please remove parked vehicles and waste bins from the street wherever possible to assist our team in snow clearing operations.

3. Emergency Services:

Altona Rhineland Emergency Services wants to remind you that in the event of a major storm, they may be delayed or unable to respond. Please, make sure that your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working and all batteries are current. If you have detectors that are 110V with battery back-up, make sure those batteries are current as well.

4. 72 Hour Emergency Preparedness:

You should make sure that you have supplies to sustain yourself and your family for at least 72 hours in the event of an emergency. Learn more about creating an emergency kit at <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-en.aspx>

5. Power Outages:

In the event of a power outage, please remain calm. Report the outage to Manitoba Hydro at <https://www.hydro.mb.ca/outages/> or through the Manitoba Hydro app. You can also call MB Hydro at 1-888-624-9376. If you see a downed powerline, stay at least 10 metres away and call 911.

Do not use generators, fuel burning stoves or lanterns, or barbecues inside your home - use them outdoors only. If you are using candles for light, be sure that they are away from combustible materials and safe from tipping over.

Our utility stations all have power back-up. This means that in the event of a power outage, your water will continue to flow, and your toilets will continue to flush with our wastewater pumping still in place.

6. CONNECT:

For the most up to date and clear information for service changes or emergency updates, please make sure that you are signed up for Altona CONNECT. With this notification system, you can decide if you want to receive phone calls, text message or email alerts from us. If there are changes or urgent messages specifically in your area, we can target the messages geographically. Visit <https://altona.ca/connect/> to sign up!