

In case of evacuation, what should you bring?

As you know, our town has adopted a Civil Security Plan. This preparation is to face and help us to intervene in case of major disasters. Among the response measures, we have particularly planned various premises where certain activities would take place according to needs and demands if we were to activate our plan.

We've planned the opening of a *Service Center for disaster victims*, as well as a *temporary Accommodation Center*, in the event of evacuation of your home, for example during a prolonged power outage or an emergency of flooding. In Ogden, the Municipal Office Basement / Town Hall is planned as a *Disaster Services Center* and temporary accommodation in the first place. But, the capacity is very limited. Other places could therefore be opened such as Stanstead College or other regional schools as larger centers to accommodate more people.

The Municipal Office / Town Hall are also provided as an **"Assembly Point"**, for example if you had to leave your residence or your place of work during a major disaster. This location would be privileged to have information on any situation, especially if the event that telecommunications (telephones, cellphones) were not working. Signage of the premises would also be used as below :



However, this does not mean that we have everything necessary for you and your loved ones. It is therefore important to have the items ready to take in case of need and evacuation.

Items to take to the accommodation center or if you are visiting family or friends:

- Medications
- Hygiene items – toothbrushes, towels, soap, toilet paper
- Spare clothes
- Blankets / sleeping bag
- Beds (rollaway beds if available, or at least a travel mattress or padded mat - yoga or other).
- Money (cash)
- Car and house keys
- Pieces of identity
- Baby items – infant formula, disposable diapers, bottles.

Tips :

- Pack these items in a backpack or bin ahead of time.
- If you are a person with reduced mobility, don't forget your cane, walker or wheelchair.

Pets :

The best way to protect your pet during an emergency is to take it to an animal shelter. Our accommodations only accept service animals. Make a list of places to leave your pet in case you have to leave. This list may include:

- accommodation centers and animal shelters
- veterinary clinics
- family members and friends.

