

OUTSIDE TIME



Office hours are from 9am-430pm M-F and until 630pm on the 15th and last day of the month or the Friday before.

As the weather continues to warm up your children will be enjoying more time outside. We ask parents to please remember to bring a change of clothing, rubber boots (so they can enjoy splashing in the puddles), light coats and hats.

As summer approaches quickly we would also like to remind families to bring sunscreen and bug spray (if parents wish it to be applied).

Parents will also need to sign permission for both of these to be applied to the children throughout the summer. The permission is only required one time per year.

With the warmer weather there will be more outings happening with some providers. So watch out for the off site permission forms to see what adventures your children will be taking this year.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Closure Day— Monday May 20—Victoria Day
- Provider work shop is on
- andrea-odyssey@shaw.ca/
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- www.odysseychildcare.ca

REMINDERS

Reminder about back up packages. The providers are unable to accept children for subbing without the back up package that was provided by the agency at contract signing. If a provider refuses care due

to no back up package she will refer the family to the agency.

If there are any changes in address, work, phone numbers, etc please ensure to update the agency and provider so we can

update the files in the office and at the provider home. If our information is out of date we are in non compliance with government standards. Thanks for your attention to this.

What to do in an Emergency Situation:

This article taken from the Lethbridge Herald website helps with this question

(<http://www.lethbridge.ca/home/For+Residents/Your+Safety+and+Security/Disaster+Preparedness+and+Response/default.htm>)

Canadians have experienced tornadoes, ice storms, brown-outs, and floods that were large enough to interrupt the services on which we all depend. Such emergencies have an even greater impact if people and communities are caught by surprise. Let's take the necessary steps now to be prepared for any emergency.

Every household should be prepared to cope on their own for at least the first 72 hours of an emergency while response workers help those in urgent need.

If you are prepared, you can cope with:

No electricity

No heat

No transportation

No telephone

No water

Closed food stores

Very busy police, fire and emergency services

Getting prepared for an emergency or disaster is easy. Just follow these simple steps:

Step 1 - Know the Risks in your Region

Knowing the risks specific to your region can help you better prepare. The potential risks in Lethbridge and the surrounding area include:

Floods

Fires

Tornados

Severe Weather (heat/cold)

Wild Fires

Severe Storms

Blizzards

Landslides

Industrial Accidents

Hazardous Materials Spills

Power Failures/Black Outs

Transportation Accidents

Pandemic Influenza

Step 2 - Make a Household Emergency Plan

A household emergency plan will help you and your family know what to do during an emergency. Remember, you may not all be at home when an emergency occurs, so planning ahead is important. Your Household Emergency Plan should include information about:

Safe escape routes from your home and neighborhood

Meeting places to reunite with family or roommates

Designated people to pick up children if you are unavailable

Contact people close by and out of town

Health information

Emergency contact information

Plans for your pets

Locations of important features of your home: fire extinguisher, water valve, electrical box, gas valve, floor drain, etc.

Step 3 - Get a 72 Hour Emergency Kit

A 72 Hour Emergency Kit includes everything you and your family will need to cope on your own until more help is available. You can buy a kit or make one yourself. Either way your kit should include the following:

Sleeping bags or warm blankets

First Aid kit

Flash light and batteries

Battery-powered or wind-up radio (and extra batteries)

Fuel driven stove and fuel

Candles, lighter and matches

Garbage bags

Toilet paper and paper towels

Personal hygiene items

Tools - manual can opener, shovel, knife, pliers, etc.

Specialty supplies (i.e. infant formula, pet food, etc.)

Medications

A whistle

Extra keys - car and house

Cash - smaller bills and change for pay phones

Copy of your Emergency Plan

Copies of important documents and ID

If you are interested in purchasing a kit, or getting more information, the Lethbridge Herald wrote about a store in Cardston called "In Case of". You can visit them in Cardston at 227 Main Street, or their website at www.incaseof.ca. Or simply phone them at 403-653-3336.

www.aema.alberta.ca. I also found some resource on the government of Alberta website

