

Lake George Wildfire

Information for Evacuees Friday, October 3, 2025

WILDFIRE:

- ☐ Status: Out of control (fire could easily grow).
- ☐ Size: estimated at 250 hectares
- ☐ Dry conditions and wind continue to be a challenge.
- ☐ Crews are working to build fire breaks around the fire.
 - Bulldozers and other heavy machinery make a path of bare earth. With no trees to burn on this path, it can help stop the fire from spreading.
 - Crews add a “wet line” with hoses and pumps that draws water from a nearby lake, pond or river. This keeps an area around the fire wet to help stop the fire from spreading.
- ☐ As of October 3, resources fighting the fire include:
 - 23 DNR Firefighters
 - 30 Volunteer Fire Department Firefighters
 - 4 802 planes and a Bird Dog worked on the fire today
 - 2 Cl 415 planes from Newfoundland worked on the fire today
 - 5 contract helicopters worked on the fire today
 - 18 pieces of heavy equipment
- ☐ Social media updates will be posted on the weekend if there is something new to report, such as a change in the estimated size of the fire. Daily posts will resume around midday on Monday.

PROPERTIES:

- ☐ No reports of damage to properties.
- ☐ Structure protection units (sprinkler units) have been installed along the entire west side of Lake George, including the church camp.
- ☐ Crews continue to scout for additional properties at risk on the eastern side that may also need sprinkler units.
- ☐ Properties without water sources are being manually hydrated.
- ☐ Crews use a number of criteria to determine where sprinkler units can be used to protect structures. They look at things like:
 - Water supply and logistics
 - Defensible space and site conditions
 - Safety of firefighters and access
 - Probability of success
 - Scale of incident.
- ☐ Road Barricades around the Lake George Wildfire:
 - 3847 Aylesford Rd
 - Fox Mtn Rd and Old Mill Lane
 - North River Rd

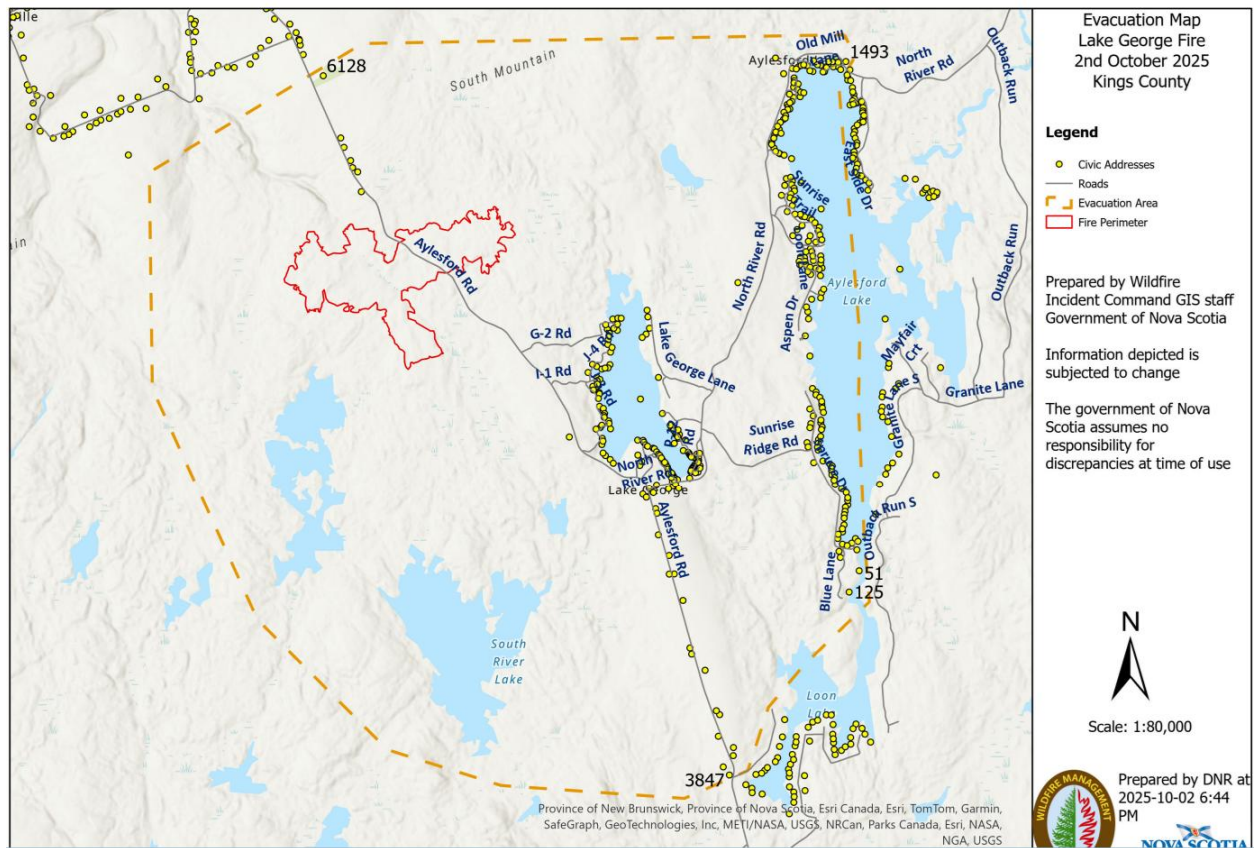
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- ☐ RCMP and public safety officials are around the evacuated areas to ensure the safety of homes and businesses.

EVACUATION ZONES:

As of Friday, October 3rd, there are 353 civic addresses under a mandatory evacuation order. There are currently no plans for further evacuations, however that could change if fire activity increases. The Evacuation Map for the Lake George Wildfire, as of October 3, including the active fire zone, is provided for community awareness. The active fire zone is smaller than the evacuation zone because winds and low humidity make the fire susceptible to grow and at rapid rates.



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MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

- **State of Local Emergency**
 - A State of Local Emergency was declared on September 29th for the Lake George Wildfire and will be in effect through until October 6th unless terminated or renewed
- **Kings County Emergency Coordination Centre**
 - The Public Hotline **902-690-6112** is available for inquiries 7:00am to 7:00pm daily
- **Canadian Red Cross Emergency Reception Centre/Shelter**
 - There is a 24/7 comfort centre available for evacuees located at the Louis Millett Community Complex at 9489 Commercial Street in New Minas.
 - Evacuees are encouraged to register in person with the Red Cross
 - Phone Registration: Individuals impacted by the situation who wish to register by phone can call **1-800-863-6582**. Please leave a message, and a volunteer based in Atlantic Canada—on standby to assist—will return your call from 8:00am to 10:00pm daily.
- **Donations**
 - The Canadian Red Cross is currently accepting donations of new, packaged items for evacuees at the Louis Millett Centre, located at 9489 Commercial Street, New Minas. While current needs are limited, **pet food and litter** have been identified as potential requirements. **Pre-packaged healthy snacks** are also appreciated.
- **Public Safety Reminders:**
 - **Stay Out of Restricted Areas**
 - Do not enter evacuated zones or closed roads. Hot spots, falling trees, and heavy equipment make these areas unsafe.
 - Road blocks remain in place for everyone's protection.
 - **Follow Evacuation Orders**
 - If you are asked to evacuate, leave immediately. Delaying puts you and responders at greater risk.
 - Register with the Canadian Red Cross Reception Centre even if you have accommodations, so supports can reach you.
 - **Air Quality and Health**
 - Wildfire smoke can impact health, especially for children, older adults, and people with breathing conditions.
 - Limit outdoor activity when smoke is present; keep windows closed and use clean indoor air if possible.
 - Monitor Air Quality Health Index updates through Environment Canada.
 - **Road and Traffic Safety**
 - Give emergency vehicles space to work. Do not block access routes.
 - Slow down and use caution when driving near wildfire response areas.

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- **Burn Ban in Effect**
 - All outdoor burning is prohibited in Kings County during wildfire conditions.
 - Check the provincial BurnSafe Map daily for updates.
- **Returning Home After Evacuation (if phased re-entry begins)**
 - Wait for official notice before returning that will be posted to www.KingsREMO.ca
 - Be prepared for possible hazards (downed power lines, spoiled food, smoke damage).
 - Follow municipal guidance on waste disposal and water safety.
- **Community Support & Mental Health**
 - Emergencies are stressful — it's normal to feel anxious or overwhelmed.
 - Support is available through the Canadian Red Cross, Nova Scotia Health, and community partners.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- Download the free NS Alert App ([NS Alert on the App Store](#) or [Nova Scotia Emergency Alert - Apps on Google Play](#)) for the most up to date emergency information in real time.
- For people who had to evacuate, please contact your insurance to let them know. Most home and tenant insurance policies provide coverage for evacuations. Keep receipts for items like food, clothing lodging.
 - For help or questions about Insurance:
 - Insurance Bureau of Canada:
Toll Free: 1-844-227-5422
Email: AtlanticCIC@ibc.ca
- Learn more about wildfire basics: [wildfire-basics.pdf](#)
- Emergencies are overwhelming, you don't have to go through it alone:
 - If you need immediate help, go to your closest ER
 - Provincial Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Line 1-888-429-8167 (24 hrs)
 - National Suicide Crisis Helpline 988 (24 hrs)
 - Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868 Text CONNECT to 686868 (24 hrs.)
 - Hope for Wellness Helpline (Indigenous) 1-800-777-5888
 - For concerns about mental health or addiction, call 1-855-922-1122 to speak to a clinician or visit <https://accesswellness.lifeworks.com/nova-scotia-en.html>.
 - Other supports include 211, <http://YourHealthNS.ca> or the YourHealthNS app.
- There is misinformation floating around, please ensure you are tuning into the trusted sources below:

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- Department of Natural Resources: https://x.com/NS_DNR
- Government of Nova Scotia Alerts Webpage: <https://novascotia.ca/alerts/>
- Municipality of Kings County:
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KingsCountyNS>
 - Website: [Municipality of the County of Kings](https://www.kingscounty.ca/)
 - X: <https://x.com/KingsCountyNS>
- Kings County REMO:
 - Facebook: <https://facebook.com/REMOKingsCounty>
 - Website: <https://kingsremo.ca>
- Nova Scotia Government Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages:
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nsgov>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/nsgov>
 - Twitter: <https://x.com/nsgov>
- Nova Scotia Department of Emergency Management Facebook and Twitter pages:
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NSEmergency>
 - Twitter: <https://x.com/NSEmergency>
- Nova Scotia Department of Public Works Twitter page for road closures:
 - https://x.com/NS_PublicWorks
- 511 Nova Scotia for updates on transportation infrastructure:
 - Twitter: <https://x.com/511ns>
- Nova Scotia RCMP Facebook and Twitter pages for additional information:
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rcmpns>
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