

Lake George Wildfire

Information for Evacuees Tuesday, October 7, 2025

WILDFIRE:

- ☐ Status: Out of control (fire could easily grow).
- ☐ Size: estimated at 288 hectares.
- ☐ Dry, hot conditions and wind continue to be a challenge.
- ☐ Priorities continue to be protecting homes and preventing growth of the fire.
- ☐ Crews are working to build fire breaks around the fire.
- ☐ As of October 7, resources available include:
 - 62 DNR Firefighters
 - 39 British Columbia Firefighters
 - 23 Volunteer Fire Department Firefighters
 - 4 802 planes and a bird dog
 - 2 Cl 415 planes from Newfoundland
 - 1 DNR helicopter
 - 5 contract helicopters
 - 30 pieces of heavy equipment
- ☐ Not all these resources are working all the time. For example, there are times where airspace is dedicated to helicopters doing precision water drops that support ground tactics.
- ☐ Daily social media posts will continue throughout this week.

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 Road
 - Fox Mtn Campground on Aylesford Road
 - Old Mill Lane at North River Road

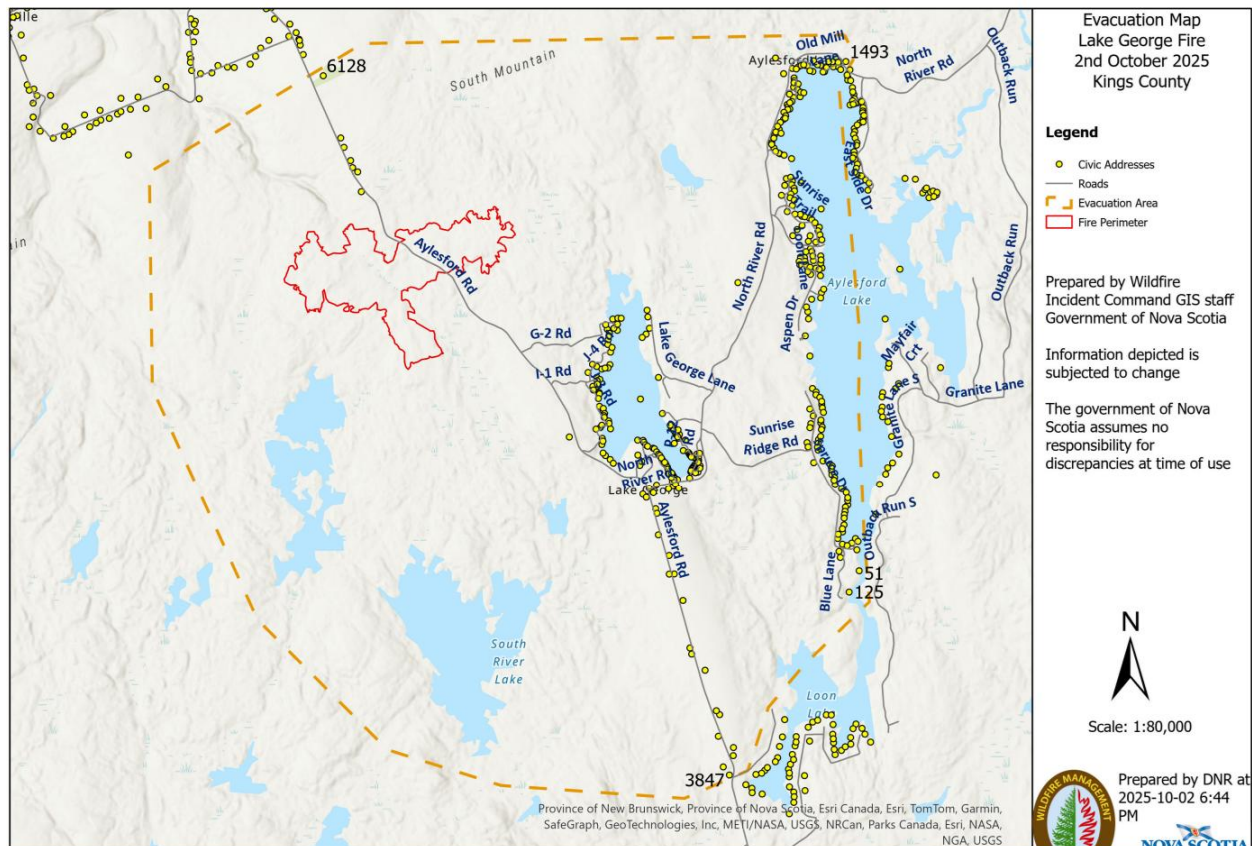
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- ☐ Public safety officials are around the evacuated areas to ensure the safety of homes and businesses.

EVACUATION ZONES:

As of Tuesday, October 7th, 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**
 - The State of Local Emergency was renewed on October 6th for the Lake George Wildfire and will be in effect through until October 13th 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**
 - The Canadian Red Cross Emergency Reception Centre/Shelter is available for evacuees 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.
- ☐ **Salvation Army Food Truck**
 - The Salvation Army Canteen Truck will be on site at the Louis Millett Centre in New Minas by 12:00 p.m., to support Lake George Wildfire Evacuees with meals ready to serve starting at 1:00 p.m.
 - Meal service will continue throughout the afternoon until 6:00 p.m.
 - The Salvation Army team is prepared to serve up to 50 residents each day and will have the capacity to scale up if required.
 - The Food Truck is scheduled to operate for the next seven days and can extend support if required.
- ☐ **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.
 - Roadblocks 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.



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- 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.
 - **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.
- **How You Can Support Relief Efforts:**
- We know many community members are asking how they can help during this emergency. Your support means so much to evacuees, first responders, and all those working hard to keep Kings County safe. Here are some safe and effective ways to contribute:
- **Support evacuees directly through the Canadian Red Cross**
The Canadian Red Cross is leading evacuee support at the Louis Millett Centre.
 - **Help our firefighters and first responders**
Do not bring food or supplies directly to fire lines or stations. If you'd like to support, please connect with your local Fire Department or the Kings County Fire Service Association to see how donations (like gift cards for gas, meals, or groceries) can be pooled safely.
 - **Back our community organizations**
Local service groups, churches, and community organizations are also stepping up to provide meals, temporary supports, and connection for evacuees. Consider contributing to these efforts.

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- **Show moral support**
A simple “thank you,” a supportive sign, or checking in on neighbours goes a long way to keeping spirits strong.
- **Stay safe and informed**
Please continue following official updates, respect evacuation orders, and wait for official notice before returning home.

Thank you, Kings County. Your offers of support show the strength and resilience of our community. Together, we will get through this.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- Financial support is available for evacuees of the wildfire, with applications opening [here as of](#) tomorrow, Wednesday, October 8.
 - Support is based on the number of days evacuated:
 - Four to seven days – \$500 per adult (18 and older) and \$200 per minor
 - Eight to 14 days – an additional \$500 per adult (18 and older) and an additional \$200 per minor
 - 15 or more days – an additional \$250 per week per adult (18 and older); an additional \$200 per minor.
 - Funding will be available until the evacuation order is lifted or until the end of the wildfire season October 31, whichever comes first.
 - The maximum amount of support is \$3,000 per adult and \$1,750 per minor.
 - People who had to leave secondary homes such as cottages and camps do not qualify for funding.
- 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, and 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)

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- 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:
- 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:
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