

## Evacuation



## Top 5 Hazards and Threats in York Region are:

-  Widespread disease
-  Power outages from severe winter storms
-  Flooding from sustained heavy rainfall
-  Widespread property damage from severe summer storms
-  Hazardous material spills on major highways

Evacuate when instructed to do so and when the emergency poses a threat or potential threat to your safety or your property.

Police officers or local officials will announce directly through the media and/or public notification systems.

### Before evacuating:

- Turn off power, water, gas (if instructed)
- Make arrangements for pets
- Leave a note on your door indicating when and where you went

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For more information on York Region's Emergency Preparedness Program, please visit:  
[www.york.ca/EmergencyManagement](http://www.york.ca/EmergencyManagement)

Accessible formats or communication supports available upon request  
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# SHELTER-IN-PLACE and EVACUATION IS YOUR FAMILY READY?



Know  
the Risks



Make  
a Plan



Get an  
Emergency Kit

  
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## What is Shelter-in-Place?

Shelter-in-Place means you are required to take immediate shelter (stay indoors) due to an emergency situation.

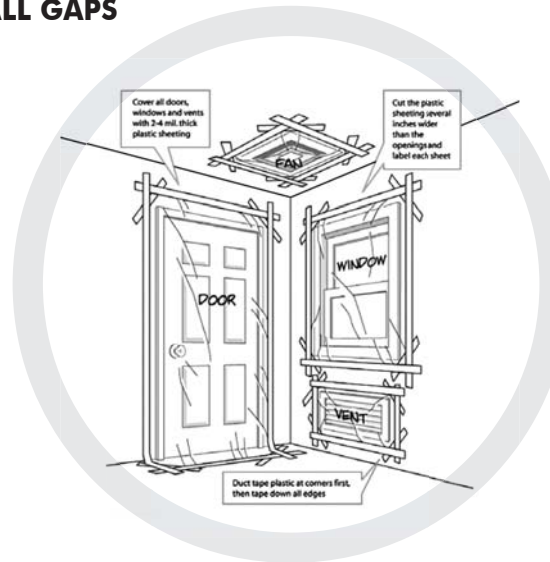
Examples when shelter-in-place is needed include:

- Hazardous material release
- Tornado warning
- Severe storm warning



## Actions to Take

- Go indoors immediately and stay there
- Close all windows and doors
- If there is a hazardous material spill, turn off fans, air conditioning and forced air heating systems
- **Listen to your radio or TV for more information**
- Lock doors, close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers
- Go with your family to a room with fewer windows
- Seal all windows, doors and air vents with plastic sheeting and duct tape
- **SEAL ALL GAPS**



## Re-entering Your Home

- Stay tuned to local radio and TV stations for advice and instructions
- Drive only when necessary; the streets may be filled with debris and downed power lines
- Avoid loose or dangling power wires – report immediately to local power company
- Report broken gas mains to utility company
- Report broken water mains to your municipality
- Do not turn on utilities until instructed to do so
- Water pressure may have decreased
- Avoid candles to prevent fires
- Stay away from flooded areas in your property

