



HWF 036

Long Lake Fire – Town of Rainbow Lake
Community Re-Entry Plan

Re-entry

The process for re-entry is based largely off the GOA’s *Community Planning Guide for Re-entry After an Evacuation*. The plan consists of three stages:

- 1- Damage Assessment,
- 2- Restoration of Services, and
- 3- Community Re-entry.

Trigger for Re-Entry

The Director of Emergency Management, Incident Commander(s), and appropriate stakeholders shall determine when to permit re-entry. The consulting stakeholders may include but are not limited to Alberta Wildfire, municipal officials, AEMA field officers, regulatory bodies, and utility and infrastructure companies.

Moving Between Stages

There is no set timeline for moving between stages. This will be up to the Emergency Management team.

Stage levels of access during re-entry

Has been assessed?	Yes	No
Structures - A systematic approach should be introduced to assess all structures for safe access and a system implemented for easy identification of condition (For example red card for uninhabitable, green cards for habitable). Additionally, it may be helpful to differentiate between residential and commercial buildings		
Water and Wastewater Services - All water and wastewater services should be inspected in accordance with industry standards for damage and connectivity to structures. All source water intakes, water treatment plants, reservoirs, water distribution lines, sanitary lines, wastewater treatment plants, as well as storm water collection and outfall must all be inspected, repaired and certified to safe conditions.		
Air Quality Conditions - Information about outdoor air quality, particularly when an active fire may still be present in the region, may be provided by Alberta Health, Alberta Environment & Parks or the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. The Town of Rainbow Lake air quality monitor website is available as a reference. Smoke and other contaminants (e.g., oil and gas release) that may have impacted or caused a poor or hazardous outdoor air quality condition may also penetrate into buildings through active or passive intrusion.		
Gas and Electric - All gas and electric lines and facilities should be inspected by responsible utilities service providers and status established. Service must be restored prior to re-entry.		
Access Routes - A hazard assessment of all transportation modes and associated infrastructure must take place.		
Telecommunications - Voice and data lines, towers and stations must be restored.		
Accommodation / Food - Consideration should also be given to the availability of		

accommodation and food for contractors/wildfire fire fighters if required.		
Consideration of where and how debris (solid or liquid) will be stored, transported and disposed of.		

Stage One: Damage Assessment

Stage one for the re-entry plan is damage assessment. This stage should be restricted to agencies and private service providers with key roles in damage assessment.

Stage Two: Restoration of Services

Stage two of the re-entry plan is designated as the restoration of services for the community. The level of services required to sustain a community must be an acceptable minimum level. Often this is less than the status prior to the evacuation taking place.

Service Restored?	Yes	No
Medical and health services.		
Emergency services		
Water systems- functional and able to deliver water; under a boil water advisory if necessary		
Sewage - collection and treatment system is functioning		
Garbage - collection and treatment system is functioning		
Storm water collection and discharge		
Gas and Electric - Restoration of gas and electric facilities		
Communications - Restoration of communications (voice and data)		
Lighting and traffic signals		
Public Works - Restoration of the public works operations centres, transfer station, and waste collection program. The waste collection program should include a specific plan for disposal of decaying garbage white goods, electronics, large amounts of construction and vegetation debris and household hazardous waste		
Critical Retail - In this context, critical retail consists of a minimum number and types of grocery stores, pharmacies and gas stations that are required to support re-entry. Restoration of these businesses will be done under the control of their owners/managers and will include disposal of any spoiled product, any debris, or damage including spoiled foodstuff		
Banking - Facilities should be available for all residents to have access to banking and cash services		
Donation management - Capacity to accept and organize contributions		
Daycare/education facilities		

Stage Three: Community Re-Entry

Stage three of the re-entry plan concludes the previous stages and allows resident/home and business owners, etc, to return. It is a best practice to set up a welcome center to disseminate information and allow a central access point for NGOs.

Information Available and Supply Checklist

Yes N/A

	Yes	N/A
Status of water systems, including quantity and safety of drinking water, ability to use wastewater and stormwater systems, the location and access to waste disposal services		
Clean up procedures and the resources available to assist		
Psychosocial assistance that is available		
Health and Safety advice		
Insurance advice		
Communications access (Voice, data, internet)		
'Returning to Your Home' guide provided by service providers or industry (eg Alberta Health Services)		
Where to get updates on weather conditions, outdoor air quality conditions, or fire/forecast information (if applicable)		

Re entry schedule

Once **red items** completed, invite for re entry to the following (individuals, not families)

- Emergency Medical Services staff
- RCMP staff
- Gas/fuel station management and select quantity of staff
- Grocery store management and select quantity of staff
- Utility company responder
- School facilities inspection and work crews

Once **Yellow Items** completed, invite re-entry to the following (individuals, not families)

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- Insurance agencies
- Industry inspection and work crews
- Post office
- Banks
- Municipal admin and support staff
- Town utilities and public works staff, waste clean up, transfer station
- Recreational support staff
- Business owners/managers
- NGO staff to prepare for donation management and aid for impacted residents
- Psychosocial assistance groups
- Pharmacy delivery

Once **Green items** completed, invite re entry in stages to ALL PUBLIC

Day #	Included	Actual Date
1	All in RED stage return	Wednesday, May 24, 2023
2	All in YELLOW stage return	Saturday, May 27, 2023
5	GREEN Full Community Re-Entry	Friday, June 2, 2023

Correlating Needs

Re-entry order needs to include instructions to purchase groceries before coming home from the Town of High Level.

Instructions to residents to re-light pilot lights in hot water tanks and furnaces.

Fridge and freezer removal coordinated with re-entry and restoration of power.

Need to provide warning to residents of potential for increased wildlife activity.

Notice to residents regarding operational fire area and remaining a safe distance away.

RCMP will be required to increase presence during re-entry to ensure safety and security.

All persons included in the red and yellow phases are considered essential services.

All essential services staff MUST follow these rules:

- You may report back to work as an individual, your family is NOT PERMITTED yet in the evacuation order zone.
- Please fuel your vehicles and obtain items such as perishables, personal effects, etc. prior to returning.
- Managers or supervisors will be directly responsible for their staff in all aspects.
- You MUST shelter in place at your home when you are not at your designated work location until the time comes that ALL COMMUNITY members have been allowed to return home.
- You MUST NOT tour the municipality or fire area as you may interrupt operations related to the incident.
- Once you have returned to home, follow the attached guideline for re-entry to your property.
- Throw out food, waste, etc. Ensure you have power, gas, water. Look for and document any property damage.
- Keep important personal belongings packed in case a need to evacuate occurs.