

The fires burning in the West Kootenays may be around for a few weeks. BC Wildfire Service assures they are presently not a danger to us. However it's always good to be prepared with a grab-and-go bag.

Here is a list of things as prepared by the Nelson Fire Department:

*Food (ready to eat) and water for three days per person*

- *Phone charger and battery bank*
- *Small battery-powered or hand-crank radio*
- *Battery-powered or hand-crank flashlight*
- *Extra batteries*
- *Small first-aid kit and personal medications*
- *Personal toiletries and items such as an extra pair of glasses or contact lenses*
- *Copies of important documents such as insurance papers*
- *Cash in small bills*
- *Local map with your family meeting place identified*
- *Seasonal clothing changes and an emergency blanket*
- *Pen and notepad*
- *Whistle*
- *Toilet tissue*

In the meantime if you think you see new smoke/new fire, report it, even if you're not sure. BCWS is happy to get all calls.

Call it in 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on a cell.

Helpful Links

- RDCK Emergency Preparedness page: [www.rdck.ca/emergency](http://www.rdck.ca/emergency)
- RDCK Emergency Information: [www.rdck.ca/eocinfo](http://www.rdck.ca/eocinfo)
- RDCK FireSmart: [www.rdck.ca/firesmart](http://www.rdck.ca/firesmart)
- BC Wildfire Activity: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation?bcgovtm=20210708\\_GCPE\\_VIZ\\_WILDFIRE\\_ADW\\_BCGOV\\_EN\\_BC\\_TEXT](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation?bcgovtm=20210708_GCPE_VIZ_WILDFIRE_ADW_BCGOV_EN_BC_TEXT)
- Report a Wildfire: 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on your cell