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**“TAKE THE CHALLENGE”  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK MARKS 15 YEARS**



What would you do if you did not have water, electricity or telephones after a major emergency?

Spring and summer brings the return of warm, humid weather in Ontario. With this weather, powerful thunderstorms creating damaging winds, floods, large hail and tornadoes – and other weather-related disasters can strike quickly and without warning. Three simple steps can help you prepare for all types of emergencies: know the risks in your region; have an emergency kit; and know and practice your emergency plan.

Emergency Preparedness Week, May 2-8, 2010, raises awareness of the importance of being prepared. Caledon Fire Services is teaming up with Emergency Management Ontario to encourage residents to take the *Emergency Preparedness Challenge*. The Challenge aims to increase Ontarians' awareness and understanding of emergency preparedness by taking a brief, age-appropriate questionnaire at [www.ontario.ca/beprepared](http://www.ontario.ca/beprepared). All who successfully complete the emergency preparedness quiz will be eligible to win great prizes.

Remember – to ensure the safety and well-being of you and your family, you should be prepared to take care of your basic needs for at least 72 hours after an emergency. To learn more about personal emergency preparedness, the Town of Caledon's Fire Services is hosting the following Information Open Houses:

- May 1
  - Palgrave Fire Station | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Caledon East Fire Station | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - Caledon Village Fire Station | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- May 6, 7
  - Bolton Home Depot | 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- May 8
  - Mono Mills Fire Station | 8 a.m. to noon
  - Snelgrove Fire Station | 8 a.m. to noon
  - Inglewood Fire Station | 8 a.m. to noon
  - Alton Fire Station | 8 a.m. to noon

Celebrating 15 years, Emergency Preparedness Week (EPW) is coordinated by Public Safety Canada, in cooperation with the provinces, territories and safety partners.

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