

# INFORMATION ONLY

**The following information is being provided ONLY should a mandatory evacuation be necessary. In the event of a mandatory evacuation, you should expect the following:**

1. Law Enforcement notification door to door.
2. Law Enforcement PA system.
3. Evacuation route will be via Highway 110 towards Aurora.
4. Evacuation registration will be at Mesabi East School in the Large Commons in Aurora, **door number 24.**

You can expect to see firefighters and aircraft in the area until at least Friday, May 13, 2016. To check fire status or evacuation status, go to [inciweb.gov](http://inciweb.gov) or [hoytlakes.com](http://hoytlakes.com).

ALLEN JUNCTION AND SKIBO ROAD ARE CLOSED.

County Road 666 is EMERGENCY TRAVEL ONLY.

Forest Highway 11 is open to County Road 16.

**AGAIN – this information is being provided ONLY should a mandatory evacuation be necessary.**

*The East Range Police Department and Hoyt Lakes Fire/Ambulance Department appreciates your cooperation.*

# PRE-PLANNING FOR EVACUATION

(5/9/2016)

Due to the existing Skibo Fire near the City of Hoyt Lakes/Skibo area, the East Range Police Chief and St Louis County Sheriff is providing the following **EVACUATION INFORMATION.**

## **WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW**

**STAY INFORMED:** Listen to local radio stations or check city website for updated emergency information.

**MAKE A KIT:** Prepare your evacuation kit. (See below)

### **HAVE A PLAN:**

Plan your escape route...and an alternative. The fire threat may affect your options.

Make plans for the care of your pets (take your pets with should you leave).

Arrange temporary housing at a friend or relative's home outside the threatened area. You will be more comfortable in someone's home than in a public shelter.

Back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape. Shut doors and roll up windows. Know where the keys are.

If you have time, take steps to reduce the chance of your home catching fire or lessen the damage.

- Put any ladders up against your roof.
- Remove combustible items from around the house and yard (lawn and deck furniture, umbrellas, firewood.

**Evacuation directives may be issued over NOAA weather radio, WEVE radio, telephone call, email and/or personal visit directed by the East Range Police Department or St Louis County Sheriff's Office. This order will NOT provide time for making preparations, LEAVE AS DIRECTED.**

## **IF ADVISED TO EVACUATE, DO SO IMMEDIATELY!**

1. Remain calm
2. Start you sprinkler system if you have one.
3. Take your evacuation kit. (Remember the **6 Ps**, see below)
4. Leave power and outside lights on. Turn off propane to the house or cabin at the tank.
5. Leave a written note on the door with date, time and who evacuated and where you are heading.
6. You may lock your residence or cabin.
7. If you have a hose, turn it on with the nozzle attached in closed position.
8. Take your PETS with you. They will not be allowed inside the evacuation centers, but temporary shelters may be provided for them. If they have any medications make sure they are included, also vaccination records.
9. If you own a lake home, leave your boats in the lake with motor, gas, and life preservers.
10. Please follow designated evacuation routes, drive carefully with your lights on.
11. CHECK-IN at the designated REGISTRATION location (described in the Evacuation Order) and receive additional information. (Registration location for Hoyt Lakes residents is Mesabi East School in the large commons in Aurora, MN.)
12. When you get to a safe area please notify your next of kin that you have evacuated AND ARE SAFE.

## SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR YOUR EVACUATION KIT

### (6Ps: People and Pets, Prescriptions, Pictures/Photos, Papers, Personal Computer)

- Prescription medications in ORIGINAL BOTTLES
- Eyeglasses, if necessary, contacts and solution/equipment
- Special equipment/medical supplies for infants, elderly or people with special needs: (Such as oxygen, nebulizer, wheelchair, cane, diapers, formula, etc.)
- Billfold/purse including: Cash, credit cards, driver's license, etc.
- Important documents, including Living Wills, birth certificates, social security cards, passports, other - forms of identification, etc.)
- Phone numbers of out of area contacts
- Personal care items/change of clothing
- Pillow/blanket/towel
- Pets: Supplies, food, records, medications

## Voluntary Evacuation Information

The following information is for Hoyt Lakes residents and visitors and is provided by the East Range Police Department and County Emergency Manager.

If you choose to evacuate your property/camping area **PRIOR** to an **official mandatory evacuation order** (if/should one be necessary) please follow these steps:

- 1. If you are in the Hoyt Lakes area**, call this number (218) 225-2000 and provide the following information:  
**If you are in the Skibo area**, call this number (218)742-9825 and provide the following information:
  - Your name and names of others going with you, where you are coming from and where you are going.
  - This information will be recorded by East Range Police staff or recorded to help track evacuees and answer calls from others interested in your safety and whereabouts.
- 2. If you are a property owner around the fire zone the Police INSTRUCT you to:**
  - Remain calm.
  - Take your **Evacuation Kit** with you (See above suggested items for the 6 Ps)
  - *Leave the power and outside lights on. Turn off propane to the house or cabin at the tank.*
  - *Attach a written note to the door with date, time, and who evacuated and where you are heading.*
  - You may lock your residence/cabin.
  - Take your pets with you and plan for their needs.
  - **Tie a white cloth/towel/sheet on your blue street address sign to signify that you are gone.** (When there is more than one sign on a post, tie the cloth around your sign number.)
  - Drive carefully with your headlights on!

If you wait for an official evacuation order, you may not have time to do the activities listed above.