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Shelter in Place & Evacuation

SHELTER IN PLACE IS THE PRACTICE OF GOING OR REMAINING INDOORS DURING THE RELEASE OF AN AIRBORNE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO EVACUATING THE AREA.

If you are advised by City of Mississauga officials to “shelter in place,” you must remain inside your home or office and protect yourself. The following steps will help maximize your protection:

- Close and lock all windows and exterior doors.
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems.
- Do not use bathroom vents or kitchen vents.
- Set thermostats so air conditioners, furnaces and hot water heaters will not come on.
- Do not use fireplaces. Close all dampers.
- Do not operate clothes dryer.
- Shelter in an inside room away from windows and doors if possible.
- Reduce or avoid smoking as it contaminates the air.
- Do not leave the building until told to do so.
- Stay tuned to local television or radio for information.
- Do not use the telephone; you may tie up phone lines.

EVACUATION

If City officials ask you to leave your home, they have good reason to make this request and you should heed their advice immediately. Follow the instructions of the City of Mississauga emergency officials, keeping these simple steps in mind:

- Wear protective clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Leave a note for your family saying when you departed and where you went.
- Take your **FAMILY EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT**.
- Lock your house.
- Take a cellular phone if you have one.
- Collect family members or go to the place designated in your family plan as the meeting place.
- Follow routes specified by officials. Do not take shortcuts.



Purifying...Cradle to Cradle Care of Chemicals



- If you go to a reception centre, sign up with the registration desk so you can be contacted or reunited with your family and loved ones. **REMEMBER** plan to take you pets with you, do not leave them behind. Pets are not permitted in reception centres, follow your family plan or go to a relative or friend’s home, or find a “pet-friendly” motel/hotel.
- Contact your out-of-area emergency contact (identified in your personal emergency plan) to let them know what has happened and how to contact you. Alert them to any separated family members.

