

Emergency Resources – Bald Range Wildfire South Okanagan Similkameen

Current as of August 25, 2026

Local Authorities Information

- **Regional District Okanagan Similkameen**
 - <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/rdos-news/information-releases/>
- **District of Summerland**
 - <https://www.summerland.ca/>
- **City of Penticton**
 - <https://www.penticton.ca/emergency-management/emergency-updates>

Supports in Summerland

- **Recovery Information Centre**
 - **George Ryga Arts and Cultural Centre**, 9525 Wharton St. (2nd Floor)
 - Visit <https://www.summerland.ca/> for operating hours. Space offers information on insurance, recovery, resources, and emotional support.
- **Material Donations**

*(To support donation management efforts and community needs, **before** donating items please refer to online updates on current donation needs or contact directly to inquire)*

 - **OneSky Emergency Donation and Distribution Centre** 10121 Main Street.
 - Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:30 pm.
 - Updates & donation needs: <https://oneskycommunity.com/wildfire-response/>
 - Volunteer: [shift sign up here](#)
 - **Critteraid Charity Thrift Store** 13208 Victoria Road North. 250- 494-5057
 - Special recovery-shopping hours from 8:00am - 11:00am
 - Regular Hours: Tues – Sat 12:00am - 4:00pm & Sunday 11:00am - 3:00pm
 - Request support, or share how you can help now: <https://critteraid.org/blog-posts/neighbour-to-neighbour-recovery/>
 - **Summerland Health Auxiliary Thrift Store** 13216 Victoria St N. 250- 494- 9102
 - Regular hours: Tues-Sat 11:00am-3pm.
 - Special seven day opening August 24th-29th for people with losses
 - Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/p/Summerland-Health-Auxiliary-Thrift-Store-100091821783282/>

- **Julia Street Free Store** (9918 Julia Street - final day August 25th 9am-3pm)
 - Updates at <https://www.facebook.com/juliastreetcommunitychurch>
- **Canadian Red Cross** provincial donation management resource
 - Canadian Red Cross is gathering offers of support from individuals, businesses and organizations. This information will be shared with local authorities, First Nations and non-profit partners. [**Submit donation offer form.**](#)
 - Full information at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/evacuation-recovery/emergency-recovery/wildfire-donations>
- **Food Security**
 - **Summerland Food Bank & Resource Centre** at Summerland Alliance Church
 - 14820 Victoria Road North. Monday – Friday. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
<https://summerlandfoodbank.org/>
 - Non-perishable (vegetables, dairy etc.) and perishable foods
 - **Resource Centre in Food bank:** Connect with service providers, referral support, and navigation.
 - **Julie Street Free Store (non-perishable foods)**
 - 9918 Julia St. 9am-3pm. 250-494-8248
 - Updates & donation needs:
<https://www.facebook.com/juliastreetcommunitychurch/>
- **Recreation and Activities**
 - **Giant Heads Gym YMCA** 10503 Prairie Valley Rd. Monday – Friday
 - Drop-in activities [Summer Schedule](#)
 - [Fall Schedule](#) starts September 14th.
 - **Summerland Aquatic and Recreation Centre** 13205 Kelly Ave.
 - Program updates at: <https://www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation> or <https://www.facebook.com/SummerlandRec> or contact 250-494-0447
 - **Summerland Community Centre** 9710 Brown Street.
 - Visit webpage for weekly activity schedule
<https://summerlandcommunitycentre.ca/>
- **Informal and Community-Led Resources**
 - Community forum for needs and offers <https://helpsummerland.ca/>

- Summerland locals helping locals group
<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1BMSscQHEL/>

Children, Youth, and Family Mental Health

- **Foundry Penticton** – 501 Main St #101. 9am-4pm. 778-646-2292
 - Free and confidential mental health and wellness services for youth ages 12–24 in British Columbia and their families. <https://foundrybc.ca/centre/penticton/>
- **Child & Youth Mental Health Services** – 3rd Floor 740 Carmi Avenue. 250-487-4422.
 - Free and voluntary community-based mental health supports and services for children and youth. Penticton contact Sonora Venables: sonora.venables@gov.bc.ca
 - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/mental-health-substance-use/child-teen-mental-health/mental-health-intake-clinics>
- **Kids Help Phone** Mental health services available by phone, text, and online chat, available to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 1-800-668-6868 or Text CONNECT to 686868
- **Foundry Virtual** Free and confidential mental health, physical health, and wellness services for young people aged 12–24 and their caregivers anywhere in BC. Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-9pm & Sat-Sun 10am-6pm. 1-833-308-6379

Mental Health, Wellness, and Health Supports

- **OneSky Counselling:** Free counselling for adults age of 18 and up in Summerland area for people facing financial barriers. People who lost homes or were impacted by the fire will be considered eligible. Contact counselling@oneskycommunity.com or call 250-487-3359 to book an appointment.
- **Crime Victim Assistance Program:** Applications may provide longer-term counselling support. Victim Services can support applications for counselling funding for those who lost their homes. Contact chelsey.heins@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
- **Free or low-cost counselling:** Some local counsellors are offering free or sliding scale counselling for anyone directly impacted by the wildfire.
<https://www.tidelinewellness.com/> or <https://www.newgroundwellness.ca/>
- **Ooknakane Friendship Centre** – Mental health and addiction clinician available.
 - Phone: 250-499-0375
- **First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)** mental health services FNHA and other organizations provide culturally safe and trauma-informed cultural, emotional, and mental health services to First Nations and Indigenous people in BC.
 - <https://fnha.ca/services-and-support/preventative-care/mental-health-and-wellness/mental-health-and-wellness-supports/>

- **Canadian Mental Health Association SOS**
 - Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. 250-493-8999
 - Disaster stress coping information and mental health resources.
<https://bcdisasterstress.ca/>
- **Direct lines for mental health and service support**
 - **Free, confidential support and crisis lines available 24/7:**
 - <https://www.crisislines.bc.ca/> 310-6789 (no area code required)
 - <https://www.kuu-uscrisisline.com/> 1-800-588-8717
 - 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)
 - <https://bc.211.ca/> – helpline in BC to connect with service providers
 - <https://helpstartshere.gov.bc.ca/blog/virtual-mental-health-and-substance-use-supports> virtual mental health available in BC

Food Security (Penticton)

- **Bethel Church** – 945 Main Street. Hours: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM.
 - Food donation centre and non-perishable food hampers. <https://www.betheltab.ca/>
- **Salvation Army Food Bank** – 2399 South Main. Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. 250-492-6494 or 250-492-4788
 - Food bank (registration required) - <https://www.pentictonsa.ca/pages/family-services>

Material Donations (Penticton)

- **Area F & Summerland Total Loss Families Free Store** - 2130 Government Street.
 - 10:00 AM–4:00 PM For updates on donation needs visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/patanheatingandairltd>
- **Salvation Army Thrift Stores** – 2399 South Main St. and 318 Ellis Street, Penticton
 - Hours: Monday to Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Clothing and household items; \$75 vouchers available to evacuees. Must provide ESS File number or ID.
<https://www.pentictonsa.ca/pages/thrift-stores>

Newcomers and Migrant Workers

- **Migrant Worker Centre** – Outreach support for migrant workers through response and recovery. <https://mwcbc.ca/>
- **South Okanagan Immigrant & Community Services (SOICS)**
 - 340 Ellis Street Penticton. 250- 492-6299 <https://www.soics.ca/>
 - Support to all newcomers & migrant workers throughout region

- **Temporary Foreign Worker** emergency resource:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/business-and-market-development/emergency-preparedness/english_ag-workers_emergency-_info_2026.pdf

Navigation, Forms, IDs, and Advocacy

- **Access Centre** – 209-304 Martin Street Penticton
 - Hours: Monday to Thursday, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Phone: 250-493-6822.
 - Drop-in hours: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Tuesday at Desert Sun in Osoyoos; Thursday at Alliance Church in Oliver.
 - Help with lost documents for benefits and IDs, support completing forms and funding applications for people without internet or devices, resource navigation, and longer-term tenancy advocacy if needed.
- **100 More Homes / United Way BC** – Coordinating access gaps for people with no fixed address, including people evacuated from outdoor encampments, without ID, or with unreliable phone/internet. Amanda Poon: amandaP@uwbc.ca

Volunteer Opportunities

- **OneSky Donation Distribution Centre Summerland** - shift sign up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A4A629A4FAC07-65074132-donation#/>
- **South Okanagan Similkameen Community Connections:**
<https://www.volunteercentre.info/>

Monetary Donation Opportunities

- **United Way BC** Emergency Response & Recovery Fund <https://uwbc.ca/campaign/wildfires/>
- **Community Foundation of South Okanagan:** <https://www.cfso.net/>

Keremeos / Princeton

- **Princeton Family Services Society** – Princeton. <https://pfss.org/>
- **Lower Similkameen Community Services Society** – Keremeos and area. <https://lscss.com/>

Alerts & Government Resources

- Emergency Support Services (ESS) - <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/>
- Voyent Alert - <https://voyent-alert.com/>

- Emergency Cooling Centres (and Warming Centres)
<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/>
- BC Services Card App: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/government-id/bcservicescardapp>
- Service Canada <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/> - identify if you have been impacted by wildfires. <https://eservices.canada.ca/en/service/> Phone: 1-877-631-2657
- Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction services
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance/access-services>

Preparedness Resources

- United Way BC <https://uwbc.ca/emergency-response-resources/>
- Prepared BC guides <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/guides-and-resources>
- Interior Health <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-wellness/natural-disasters-and-emergencies/emergency-preparedness>

Health and Wellness Online Resources

- BC Disaster Stress Mental Health Resources - <https://bcdisasterstress.ca>
- Health Emergency Management BC https://www.phsa.ca/health-emergency-management-bc-site/Documents/PHSA_HEMBC%20Wellness%20Resource%20List%20Apr.3.pdf
- Interior Health Wildfires: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-wellness/natural-disasters-and-emergencies/wildfires/> / Extreme Heat: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-wellness/natural-disasters-and-emergencies/extreme-heat>
- BC Lung Foundation <https://bclung.ca/lung-health/air-quality/breathe/>
- BC Centre of Disease Control [BCCDC_WildFire_FactSheet_OutdoorExercise.pdf](#) – [BCCDC_WildFire_FactSheet_FaceMasks.pdf](#)

Monitoring Wildfires, Alerts and Orders:

- BC Wildfire Service: <https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/map>
- Emergency Information BC: <https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/>
- Smoke Forecast: <https://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/current/>
- Fire bans, restrictions: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions>
- Air quality: <https://aqwarnings.gov.bc.ca/>