



**For Immediate Release**

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**Yorkton Is a Member of the SaskAlert Emergency Public Alerting Program**

**SaskAlert** is the Government of Saskatchewan's comprehensive emergency public alerting program. It provides critical information on emergencies which have the potential to occur or are occurring so you can take action to protect yourself, your family and your property. Yorkton joined the SaskAlert program in 2015 and after a period of testing and development, the program is now fully up and running. There have been some recent tests of the system on television and radio.

An emergency alert issued through SaskAlert will let you know:

- what the emergency is,
- where it is happening,
- provide instructions for you to follow to stay safe, and
- advise you when the incident is over.

**What kind of emergencies trigger alerts?**

Alerts are issued for emergencies that could harm people or damage property. For example, alerts may be issued for:

- tornadoes,
- plow winds,
- blizzards,
- wildfires,
- hazardous material spills,
- train derailments,
- drinking water advisories,
- evacuations, or
- local emergency declarations.

## **How do I get the alerts?**

Download the SaskAlert app on your iPhone or android smartphone to receive emergency alerts in real time. You can also access SaskAlert.ca for information on alerts. Emergency alerts are broadcast on TV and radio networks as well.

You may now download the App from the Apple App Store or Google Play, or from the SaskAlert home page (link below). You may choose to receive alerts from your home community and also set the app to follow you when travelling. Unfortunately there is no app for Blackberry, so if you have a Blackberry, just add the SaskAlert page to your home screen to make checking for alerts easy. <http://emergencyalert.saskatchewan.ca/>

## **Is my community covered?**

Yes. The City of Yorkton identified a need for some type of emergency alerting system in 2014 and joined the SaskAlert program in 2015. A number of city staff are trained to issue alerts and advisories and will work as an integral part of the Yorkton Emergency Operations Centre team in the event of any local emergency situations.

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