

Disaster Preparedness

Preparing yourself, your family or your business for a disaster reduces the danger and distress you will encounter.

Basic Emergency Plan

- Identify a meeting place away from home
- Identify a friend or relative, who lives out of the area, to contact if family becomes separated
- Know how to shut off water, gas and electricity in your home
- Plan how to help elderly or disabled family or neighbors
- Ensure that insurance policies are up-to-date and provide appropriate coverage, have copies to take with you during an evacuation
- Plan for shelter at home, as well as evacuation

Preparing a Disaster Supply Kit

- Prepare for 3 days
- Prepare a basic kit for each vehicle
- Water: one gallon per person per day
- Food: nonperishable, high-protein foods - peanut butter, soup, energy bars,
- Infant foods/formula or special diets
- First Aid Kit, extra medications
- Personal items: identification, birth/marriage certificates, inventory of household goods, bank account information, extra car and house keys
- Flashlight
- Battery operated radio
- Extra clothes, jackets, gloves, blankets
- Sanitary supplies: personal hygiene, feminine hygiene, toilet paper, bleach
- Money: cash (ATMs may not work)

Stay or Go

Go - Evacuation

- When directed to evacuate by authorities
- Take “go-kit” or vehicle disaster kit
- Only take essential disaster supplies
 - Food, water, infant food, diapers
 - First Aid kit, extra medications
 - Personal Hygiene items; toilet paper, feminine hygiene, towelettes
 - Identification, legal documents, extra house and car keys, money (cash)
 - Extra clothes, jacket, gloves, hat
 - Flashlight and batteries
- Go to the designated shelter or the predesignated meeting place for your family
- Do NOT take other belongings
- If possible, monitor www.gcemergency.com for further directions and information

Stay - Shelter-in-Place

- Close all doors and windows
- Shut off central heat or air conditioning
- Go to your “safe room”
 - The “safe room” is an interior room with the fewest windows and doors
 - Emergency supplies or your disaster kit should be stored in the “safe room”
- Listen for further directions or Emergency Alert System messages on local radio or National Weather Service radio
- If possible, monitor www.gcemergency.com for further directions and information

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www.gcemergency.com

For more information about Grand County
OEM and links to OEM projects and disaster
planning, please go to:

<http://co.grand.co.us/oem.html>

Comprehensive Emergency Management Program

The Grand County Office of Emergency Management operates within Grand County's only county-wide emergency response agency, Grand County Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

By following Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Colorado Division of Emergency Management (CDEM) guidance, a thorough emergency management program is provided in Grand County. This program focuses on the four phases of emergency management:

- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

In cooperation with partners in our community, our program addresses all-hazards, including wildfire, winter storm, landslide/rockslide/avalanche, disease outbreak, hazardous materials, mass casualty and other potential disasters.



Mitigation

Reduction of disaster losses

Mitigation efforts focus on reducing the potential of disaster occurrence and cost and consequences of unavoidable disasters. With guidance from the Grand County PreDisaster Mitigation Plan and local partners, mitigation includes:

- Disease vaccinations
- Public Health education
- Zoning and land use management
- Building codes / safety codes
- Fire Prevention programs
- Hazardous Materials flow studies
- Loose land slope stabilization

Preparedness

Planning for disasters

Preparedness efforts focus on planning for the unpreventable disaster. Plans are developed and refined to save lives and minimize disaster damage.

Preparedness activities include:

- Emergency response training and exercises
- Resource inventories
- Continuity of operations planning
- Specialized equipment acquisition
- Mutual Aid response agreements
- Public information and warning
- Water level, landslide, avalanche and disease monitoring
- Quarantine and Isolation plans
- Fire drills and smoke detector programs
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)



Response

Immediate disaster assistance

Response efforts focus on the coordination of emergency assistance for casualties, reduction of secondary damage and speed recovery efforts.

Response coordination includes:

- Activation of public warning and information
- Notification of appropriate authorities
- Acquisition of nonlocal response resources
- Liaison with state and federal emergency management agencies
- Evacuation and shelter management
- Local Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Operations Center activation
- Disaster declaration

Recovery

Long-term post disaster assistance

Recovery efforts focus on returning our community to normal. Short term life support through long term rebuilding and economic recovery coordination includes:

Continued liaison with state and federal emergency management agencies

- Damage assessments
- Temporary housing
- Equipment and supply acquisition
- Recovery assistance requests