

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

EMERGENCY INFORMATION RESOURCES



GRAND COUNTY

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PO Box 1457
81 W. Agate
Granby, CO 80446

Phone: 970-887-2732

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

Emergency Information Portal

Your first stop for information about emergencies in Grand County:

www.gcemergency.com

Current, accurate information about large emergencies or disasters affecting Grand County.

This web site provides information updated by the Grand County Office of Emergency Management, often from the scene of the disaster. No login is required to view information.

Television and Radio

Emergency information, such as evacuations and shelter openings, is sent to local radio (KCMV 106.3 FM) and Front Range television stations for broadcast.

The western portion of Grand County also has reception of NOAA Weather Radio (All-Hazards) on 162.525MHz, SAME code 008049.



Ranch Creek Fire, April 2007
Photo by: Mike Stern, Grand County OEM

CodeRED®

Emergency Notification

This system provides ultra high speed cellular phone or text messaging to inform registered participants during an emergency or disaster affecting Grand County.

CodeRED® is used for cellular phones, in conjunction with "Reverse 911", which can only contact landline phones.

This system will only be used for emergency purposes. Examples of times when the CodeRED® system may be used:

- Evacuation Notice
- Fires
- Flooding
- Hazardous Materials Spills / Leaks
- Drinking Water Contamination

Registration to receive emergency notifications can be done via the web link on the Grand County Emergency Information Portal, www.gcemergency.com.

“Reverse 911”

The Emergency Preparedness Network or EPN (also known as “Reverse 911”) provides recorded emergency notification calls to landline phones. These system is maintained by the Grand County Sheriff’s Office Communications Center for local public safety agencies.

Remember, if your phone is blocked to unknown callers or if your cell phone is out of service area, you may not receive an emergency notification.



Stanley Slide Path, Berthoud Pass, January 2007
Photo by: Brad Sawtell, CAIC

2-1-1

Special Needs Registry

2-1-1, a function of United Way, in collaboration with the Grand County Office of Emergency Management and the Grand County Council on Aging, announces another service of 2-1-1. This new service could positively impact any individual living in the Grand County area that may require assistance in the event of an evacuation or extended in-place sheltering.

You now can call 2-1-1 and ask to register yourself, or a loved one, for the Special Needs Population Registry.

Your voluntary participation in the Grand County Special Needs Population Registry will allow Grand County responders to be better prepared to respond with the limited resources available.

Special Needs can include:

- Oxygen / ventilator dependent
- Life sustaining medication
- Limited mobility / unable to drive
- Vision / hearing impairment
- Alzheimer’s / Dementia