Preparing for an

EMERGENCY

in Yellowstone County



IMPORTANT NUMBERS in Yellowstone County

EMERGENCY 911
City/County Dispatch (non-emergency)657-8200
Laurel Dispatch Center
Yellowstone County Disaster & Emergency Services
RiverStone Health Public Health Department 247-3200

Being Prepared Makes Sense

Disasters such as bad weather, a major power outage, and even a public health emergency, such as a flu pandemic can strike quickly and without warning. You and the people you care about may have to leave quickly or be prepared to stay sheltered in your home.

You can plan for an emergency. Taking care of yourself and your family is what matters the most during a disaster.

How to get ready:



- Make a Plan
 - Make a Kit •
- Be & Stay Informed
 - Be Involved •
- Know Your Contacts •

Will You Be Ready?



Make a PLAN

- Have a Family
 Communication Plan
 Talk to your family about how you'll contact
 each other in an emergency if you're not
 together when it happens.
- Create a Personal
 Support Network
 If needed, have a group of people help
 you in an emergency. Involve them in
 creating your plan.
- To Stay or Go
 Plan for both situations. Listen to and watch
 the news for information on evacuation
 plans or sheltering in place.
- Make an Evacuation List
 Make a list of things to take with you
 including important papers and
 medications.
- Consider Your Pets

 Make plans for your pets in advance. Think
 about other forms of shelter for your pets if
 you cannot take them with you.



Make a KIT

- Water one gallon per person per day
- Food at least a three day supply of non-perishable items
- Battery Powered Radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Surgical Mask to help filter air
- Sanitation Supplies such as garbage bags, paper products, latex gloves, soap
- Special Items such as prescription medications, baby items, supplies for pets and important documents.



Hap your Neighbor

Communities that work together during an emergency are less confused and have a higher rate of survival. If someone around you is elderly, has a physical disability or is unable to leave their home, ask them if they need assistance.

Don't wait until the emergency happens to ask people if they need assistance. Form a neighborhood committee that can work together in emergency situations. Find out ahead of time who may need help when the time comes.

Will You Be Ready?



Be Informed

LOCAL AGENCIES

Yellowstone County Disaster & Emergency Services www.Co.Yellowstone.MT.Gov/DES

RiverStone Health www.RiverStoneHealth.org

Volunteer opportunities in Yellowstone County www.YouCanVolunteer.org

NATIONAL AGENCIES

US Department of Homeland Security www.ready.gov

The Humane Society of the United States www.HSUS.org

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) www.cdc.gov

US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) www.hhs.gov www.pandemicflu.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) www.fema.gov



Be INVOIVED

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers provide invaluable help in disasters. You can help prepare the community by becoming a volunteer with a disaster response organization. To connect to preparedness and response opportunities, go to:

www.YouCanVolunteer.org

or call the Volunteer Center of the United Way of Yellowstone County

(406) 252-3839 ext. 15

You can find a variety of possible opportunities to help keep Yellowstone County safe and secure, including:

Medical Reserve Corps
American Red Cross
Humane Society
Salvation Army
United Way Volunteer Center
RSVP

Billings Police Department

YARES - Yellowstone Amateur Radio Emergency Services

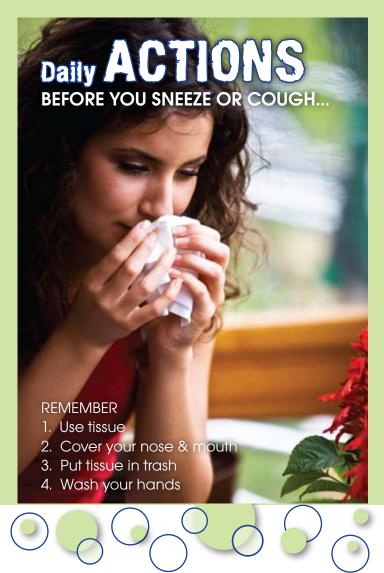


Know your Contacts

Local emergency contact
Out-of-town contact
Local hospital
Family doctor
Pharmacy
Work emergency contact
School emergency contact

Veterinarian







- Wet hands, apply soap and scrub for at least 20 seconds.
- Thoroughly rinse under warm, running water.
- Dry hands completely with paper towel. Use paper towel to turn off faucet handles and open restroom doors.





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