

Teton County WY Household Preparedness Plan



This template is provided by [Teton County WY Emergency Management](#) specifically for individuals, households, and families living in Teton County, WY. This template aligns with the [Teton County/Jackson Emergency Operations Plan \(EOP\)](#) and the [Wyoming Region 8 Hazard Mitigation Plan](#).

Teton County's government-level emergency plans can be found at <https://www.tetoncountywy.gov/326/Emergency-Plans>

Work together as a household on this template to get everyone's feedback. Knowledge is power during a disaster, and this plan is your household's first step towards getting ready!

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1. Hazards We're Preparing For

Teton County covers a wide range of terrain and environments, which means hazard risks vary depending on where your home is located. Use the list below as a guide based on the Region 8 (Teton County) Hazard Mitigation Plan, but personalize it to your specific area and concerns. Below is a table from the 2025-2030 Hazard Mitigation Plan evaluating natural (not human caused or terrorist) hazards:

HAZARD	GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT	FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE	POTENTIAL MAGNITUDE/ SEVERITY	TETON COUNTY OVERALL SIGNIFICANCE
Avalanche	Limited	Highly Likely	Limited	Medium
Dam/Levee Incident	Significant	Unlikely	Critical	Medium
Drought	Extensive	Likely	Moderate	Medium
Earthquake	Significant	Occasional	Catastrophic	High
Flood	Limited	Likely	Limited	High
Landslide	Limited	Likely	Critical	Medium
Severe Summer Weather (Hail/ Extreme Heat/ Lightning/ Thunderstorms)	Limited	Highly Likely	Limited	Low
Severe Winter Weather (including Extreme Cold)	Extensive	Highly Likely	Limited	Medium
High Winds (including Tornado)	Significant	Likely	Limited	Medium
Wildfire	Extensive	Highly Likely	Critical	High

Understanding Disaster Types

Disasters are commonly grouped into three categories:

- **Natural disasters** are caused by natural processes such as weather or geology. These include events like a severe winter storm or earthquake.
- **Technological disasters** result from failures in systems or infrastructure, such as a widespread power outage or a dam failure.
- **Human-caused disasters** are intentional acts that cause harm, such as terrorism or cyber-attacks.

Knowing the types of disasters helps you think through the full range of risks your household may face.

Now, considering natural, technological, and human-caused hazards, check the hazards that concern your household and click the links to learn more about each:

- ☐ [Attacks](#) or [Explosions](#) in public places
- ☐ [Avalanche](#)
- ☐ [Dam Failure](#)
- ☐ [Drought](#)
- ☐ [Earthquake](#)
- ☐ [Flooding](#)
- ☐ [Chemical Emergency](#) (Household)
- ☐ [Chemical and Hazardous Materials Incidents](#) (Industrial)
- ☐ [House Fire](#)
- ☐ [Landslide](#)
 - Visit the Wyoming State Geological Survey's [Landslide Susceptibility Map](#) for Teton County
- ☐ [Pandemic or Health Emergency](#)
- ☐ Severe Summer Weather ([thunderstorms](#), [high winds](#), hail, [extreme heat](#))
- ☐ [Severe Winter Weather](#) (snow, blizzard, extreme cold)
- ☐ [Space Weather](#)
- ☐ Utility Outage ([electricity](#), water, sewer, propane, natural gas, phone, internet, etc.)
- ☐ [Volcanoes](#)
- ☐ [Wildfire](#)
- ☐ Other:

Take a moment to review details about all your hazards of concern by visiting www.ready.gov for hazard-specific tips and other preparedness resources.

2. Household Members' Contact Information

Now we'll create a contact list of everyone in the household. Keep a copy of this page in your backpack, purse, car, or briefcase so you always have it with you. It's also a good idea to back up your cell phone contacts to the cloud and know how to access them from someone else's device in case you lose your phone in a disaster.

Name	Mobile Phone	Email	Role

3. Medications and Prescriptions

Maintain a list of all essential medications for household members and pets. Ensure you have at least a 2-week supply, spare prescription/reading glasses, and store copies of prescriptions in secure cloud storage. If you are in an emergency shelter and don't have your medications, you can use this list with client case workers to help get your important medications.

Medication for:	Medication	Dosage	Notes

Use additional pages if necessary

4. Important Numbers and Contacts

Your local emergency contact is a trusted friend or neighbor that can lend a hand during a crisis. Your out-of-town emergency contact is someone outside of the region that everyone in your family can contact to check in with if local communications are down after a disaster.

Local Emergency Contact:

Name	Address	Phone	Email

Out-of-Town Emergency Contact:

Name	Address	Phone	Email

Schools:

Name	Address	Phone

Workplaces:

Name	Address	Phone

Other Contacts:

Name	Address	Phone

Other Important Contacts:

Name	Address	Phone
ALL EMERGENCIES	Teton County WY Sheriff's Office Dispatch	9-1-1
Non- emergency	Teton County WY Sheriff's Office Dispatch	(307) 733- 2331
Family Doctor		
Veterinarian		
Electric Utility		
Gas Utility		
Phone Utility		
Internet Utility		
Water Utility		
Insurance Agent		

5. 2 Weeks Ready Kit Checklist

Wyoming is a remote place. Prepare for **at least two weeks** of self-sufficiency. Build your kit over time, use items you may already have in your camping gear, and check your kit annually when you update your plan.

- ☐ Water: 1 gallon per person/pet per day for 14 days (less water if you have purification)
- ☐ Water purification (filter, tablets, boiling method)
- ☐ Non-perishable food for 14 days (e.g., fruit/tuna in water, peanut butter, crackers, high-protein bars, canned beans, dehydrated meals, meals ready to eat [MREs])
- ☐ Copy of *this* emergency plan
- ☐ 2 weeks of medications
- ☐ Spare prescription and reading glasses
- ☐ NOAA Weather Radio and AM/FM radio (battery-powered)
- ☐ Cell phone with backup battery/charger
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Cash in small denominations
- ☐ Hygiene items (toilet paper, sanitizer, moist towelettes, tissues, plastic trash bags)
- ☐ N95 masks
- ☐ Warm clothing, extra socks, sturdy shoes, blankets
- ☐ Multi-tool or pocketknife
- ☐ Work gloves
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Parachute cord or rope
- ☐ Pencil and paper
- ☐ Books/games for comfort
- ☐ Pet/livestock supplies
- ☐ Emergency documents stored securely either in the cloud, on a secure USB flash drive, and/or in your kit in a waterproof bag such as:
 - Birth certificates
 - Social security cards
 - Passports or green cards
 - Driver's licenses
 - Marriage/divorce/adoption/custody records
 - Military or tribal ID
 - Pet ownership documents/microchip records
 - Health/dental insurance cards
 - Living will and medical power of attorney
 - Deed and property titles
 - Insurance policies
 - Photos/appraisals of valuables for insurance claims

2 Weeks Ready Kit Location: _____

6. Emergency Financial Planning

Insurance Policies:

Policy Type	Insurer	Policy #
Home/Renters		
Auto		
Health		
Life		

Bank Accounts (store complete information securely online):

Bank	Type	Last 4 Digits

7. Public Alerts and Warnings

You can't take action to protect yourself and your family if you don't have official and accurate information. Knowing how to receive alerts and warnings in Teton County is a key part of your preparedness plan.

Teton County Mass Notification System

Managed by Teton County Emergency Management, [Teton_WY Alerts powered by Everbridge](#) is Teton County's emergency mass notification system. Make sure everyone in your household is registered for Teton_WY Alerts at <https://tcincident.org> and click "Sign Up". Be sure to log into your Teton_WY Alerts account annually to update your information

- ☐ **All adults in household are registered for Teton_WY Alerts**

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)

Enabled on most modern cell phones unless disabled by the user, [WEAs](#) are another way that Teton County Emergency Management can reach you with emergency information. Similar to a text message, but with a different alert tone. Be sure that you have WEAs enabled on your phone.

- ☐ **Everyone with a cell phone has checked settings to make sure that WEA is enabled for Extreme and Severe threats (search "Emergency Alerts" in phone settings)**

NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio

[NOAA Weather Radio](#) broadcasts weather information from the National Weather Service office in Riverton, WY 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During emergencies, the radio can be activated with an alert tone to broadcast important emergency information. These inexpensive radios can be purchased from major online retailers and come in portable battery powered versions for your 2 Weeks Ready kit or home versions that can be kept in your bedroom. These are the transmitters for Teton County, WY:

- KWN39 – 162.525 MHz (Snow King Mtn)
 - WNG686 – 162.500 MHz (Elk Plaza)
 - WNG667 – 162.550 MHz (Grant Village)
 - KJY57 – 162.450 MHz (Relay Ridge, Alta WY)
- ☐ **NOAA Weather Radio in home, on and ready to receive alerts**
 - ☐ **NOAA Weather Radio in 2 Weeks Ready kit**
 - ☐ **Check for good reception of NOAA radios at least monthly**

Emergency Alert System (EAS)

The [EAS](#) will broadcast important emergency information during significant disasters. You can get EAS messages from these local radio and television broadcasters in Teton County, WY:

- KJAX 93.5 FM
- KZJH 95.3 FM
- KMTN 96.9 FM
- KSGT 1340 AM / 96.3 FM
- KHOL 89.1 FM
- KMLT 88.3 FM

Television: Spectrum Cable

Note that satellite radio and television broadcasters only relay national level EAS messages. You will not receive local EAS messages from satellite providers. Also, although Wyoming Public Radio 90.3 FM is a local channel, currently they only broadcast EAS messages for statewide emergencies.

- ☐ **AM/FM radio has at least one of the stations above programmed into presets**

Outdoor Warning Sirens

Sirens are designed to warn people who are outdoors that something is wrong. They are used for various types of incidents, so if you hear a **3 minute long wail or longer**, check Teton_WY Alerts, radio, television, www.tcincident.org, or NOAA Weather Radio for more information.

- Locations: Teton Village, Teton Pines, Wilson, downtown Jackson, Gregory Lane, Adams Canyon, Hoback Junction
- Depending on weather, air density, humidity, etc., each siren has an outdoor audible range of 0.5 to 1 mile from the siren.
- 1-minute wail = test | 3-minute wail = real emergency
- Map: <https://www.tetoncountywy.gov/498/Outdoor-Warning-Sirens>

- ☐ **Checked outdoor warning siren map to see if home, work, and school locations are within audible range of a siren.**

TCincident.org

This is Teton County Emergency Management's emergency information landing page. Visit www.tcincident.org for current local incident information and to sign up for Teton_WY Alerts.

- ☐ Bookmarked www.tcincident.org on web browsers and mobile devices.

Social Media

Teton County Emergency Management maintains social media pages on Facebook and X (Twitter). These can be used for relaying emergency info, especially if other systems fail.

- ☐ Followed @teton.wy.ema on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/teton.wy.ema>
- ☐ Followed tetonwyo_em on X (Twitter) https://x.com/tetonwyo_em

State Highway Alerts

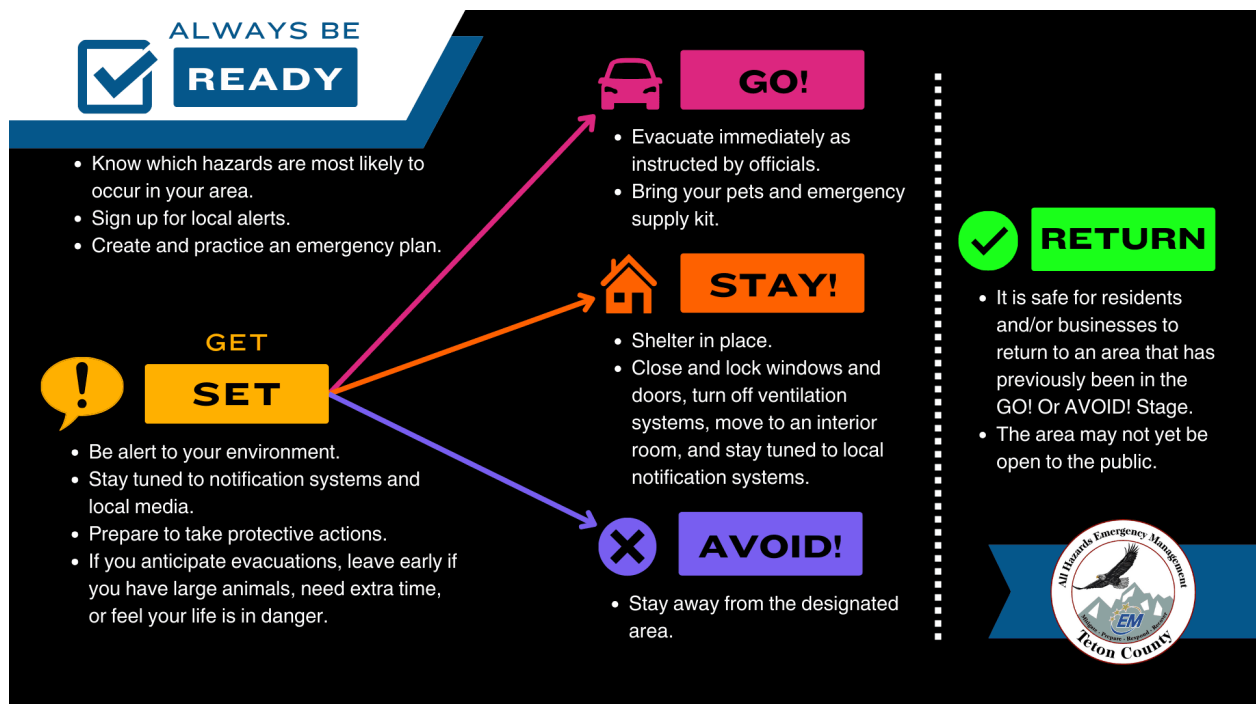
Most major roads in Teton County are Wyoming State highways. This includes Snake River Canyon, Hoback Canyon, Teton Pass, Togwotee Pass, Highway 390, and more. [Wyoming 511](#) is the system that can inform you of State highway issues and closures.

- ☐ Bookmarked www.wyoroad.info in web browser
- ☐ Signed up for 511 Notify text/email alerts for the State highways that are important to you at <https://wyoroad.info/511/511NotifyAnnouncement.html>

8. Teton County Protective Action Protocol

Protective Actions are things that public safety officials may ask you to do during an emergency to keep yourself and your household safe. Time is of the essence in an emergency, so simple language and instructions are important. That is why Teton County uses the **READY, SET, GO!/STAY!/AVOID!** model. This language will be used in alerts and warnings from Teton_WY Alerts, EAS, WEA, www.tcincident.org, and NOAA Weather Radio.

- **READY:** Develop a plan, assemble a kit, register for alerting systems, and test your plan. Teton County expects residents to be Ready all year round and will not put an area into a Ready stage. The steps you are taking by completing this plan are an example of a Ready action.
- **SET:** Conditions changing—review this plan with your household and stay tuned to official sources for further info.
- **GO!:** Immediate danger—leave now.
- **STAY!:** Shelter-in-place—safest to remain indoors.
- **AVOID!:** Keep away from emergency zones.
- **RETURN:** Follow official guidance to return home.



9. Pets and Livestock

Name	Type	License #	Microchipped?	Special Needs

Pre-identified Pet Friendly Hotels

Hotel Name	Phone	City

10. Evacuation Plan

If put into the **GO! Stage**, plan on how you and your family will evacuate.

Home Escape Routes (How you will get out of your home, like during a fire)

Escape Route Name	Description

Neighborhood Evacuation Routes (How you will get out of your neighborhood)

Evacuation Route Name	Description

Household Meeting Places

This is how you will reunite with your household if you must evacuate. If your neighborhood meeting place is inaccessible, go to your out-of-neighborhood meeting place. If that is inaccessible, go to your out-of-town meeting place. Be sure to wait for the pre-designated amount of time for other household members to show up. While you are waiting, **call or text your Local and Out-of-Town Emergency Contacts** from [Section 4 of this plan](#) to check in and see if your other household members may have done the same.

Meeting Place Name	Location	Wait here for at least:
Neighborhood Meeting Place		
Out-of-Neighborhood Meeting Place		
Out-of-Town Meeting Place		

11. Shelter-in-Place Plan

Local officials may ask you to **STAY!** as a protective action. This means that staying put and sheltering in place is the safest action you can take. Prepare to shelter safely in emergencies like hazardous materials spills, storms, or violent threats. Ideally, your shelter room should be an interior room with as few windows, vents, or access to the outside as possible.

Sheltering in place may be required for hours, or even days.

- Shut off HVAC, seal windows/doors during toxic releases.
- Stay away from windows during violent threats.

Designated shelter room: _____

Checklist for Shelter Room

- ☐ Cell phone and charger
- ☐ Backup battery power
- ☐ NOAA Weather Radio and AM/FM radio
- ☐ Medications & first aid kit
- ☐ Water & snacks
- ☐ Flashlight & extra batteries
- ☐ Blankets & warm clothes
- ☐ N95 masks, plastic trash bags, duct tape, and scissors (to tape over windows, doors, vents, and faucets – anything where outside air can get it)
- ☐ Copy of *this plan* with emergency contacts
- ☐ Hygiene items like toilet paper, biohazard bags, gloves, hand sanitizer, soap, and hygiene bucket
- ☐ Books/games for comfort

All these items can be kept in a 5-gallon bucket with a convenient toilet seat lid in or near your designated shelter room.

12. Home Safety Walkthrough

Inspect your home for safety hazards before a disaster happens. We live in a geologically active area. Identify exits and earthquake safe spots.

- ☐ Secure heavy furniture to walls
- ☐ Store breakables low
- ☐ Keep exit paths clear
- ☐ Test smoke/CO alarms
- ☐ Know utility shut offs
- ☐ Dispose of household hazardous waste like old paint, cleaning products, fuel, etc.
- ☐ Maintain wildfire defensible space
- ☐ Clear drains and gutters

Earthquake Safety

Identify Drop, Cover, Hold On spots in each room if an earthquake were to strike. This is the protective action you should take during an earthquake:



Your earthquake safe spots at home or work can be under a sturdy table, desk, or other piece of furniture. If there is no sturdy furniture to get under, get low beside an interior wall away from windows, mirrors, glass, or hanging objects. Move only when the shaking has stopped.

Room	Safe Spot


AVOID doorways, elevators, windows, or anything that can fall. Most injuries during earthquakes are due to falling while trying to move, or from falling objects themselves.

If outdoors, move to a clear area away from buildings, streetlights, utility wires, and trees. In a vehicle, pull over to a clear location, stop, and stay inside the vehicle with your seatbelt on until the shaking stops.

13. Annual Preparedness Review

Preparedness isn't something you do once and forget—it's a routine. Emergencies can happen at any time, and keeping your plan and supplies up to date ensures your household is always ready. Every year, take time to:

- ☐ Update this Household Preparedness Plan
 - Review household members, contact numbers, medications, evacuation routes, and emergency contacts.
- ☐ Log into Teton_WY Alerts (Everbridge)
 - Visit <https://tcincident.org> and verify or update your contact information and address to receive accurate emergency alerts.
- ☐ Check your 2 Weeks Ready Kit
 - Inspect food and water supplies for expiration. Replace used or expired items. Test flashlights, radios, and other gear—swap out batteries if needed.
- ☐ Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
 - Change batteries and verify alarms are working at every level of your home.
- ☐ Check your NOAA Weather Radio
 - Confirm it powers on, receives broadcasts, and replace batteries proactively.
- ☐ Participate in [The Great Wyoming Shake Out](#), the world's largest earthquake drill on the third Thursday of October each year to practice your earthquake safety skills.

 **Tip:** Schedule this review on a recurring date that's easy to remember—like the first day of spring, during National Preparedness Month (September), or when daylight saving time changes.