



MESA Action Guide

Mesa Emergency Safety Action Plan

Your guide for steps to take before and during an emergency.



Burn scar surrounding the Mesa. Table Rock Fire June 30, 2016

OUR GOAL

Develop awareness and offer training so residents know their options and what actions to take in an emergency.

REMEMBER

During and after emergencies, our neighbors are our best resources for help.

Emergency responders cannot be everywhere at once.

When an emergency strikes, uncertainty sets in and it's hard to think clearly, so plan ahead.

Knowing what to do before and during the first hours of an emergency can help save lives, reduce injury, and decrease neighborhood damage. This guide can mainly help you prepare for and respond to Wildfires, but also to three other potential emergencies in our neighborhood: Power Outage, Earthquake, and Shelter in Place Directive.

Wildfire: Prepare in advance

1. **Make your home and yard ignition resistant.**
 - a. Visit www.warmspringsmesa.org for Be Firewise Toolkit.
2. **Create a family emergency plan:**
 - a. Meeting location & routes to get there.
 - b. Emergency contact list.
 - c. Have stored supplies (food, water) on hand to last 3 days.
 - d. Decide who will support children or dependent adults.
3. **Register with Ada County Sheriff for CodeRED Emergency Notifications.** Add emergency agency phone numbers to your phone contacts. *See page 4 of this guide.*
4. **Create a Packing Priority List:**

What you would want to take from your home if you had to evacuate?
Include money, important documents and irreplaceable items.
See page 6 of this guide.
5. **Create a GO Bag for each resident.**

Include protective clothing, eye protection, gloves, head covering, flashlight/batteries, good shoes, Action Guide and Packing Priority List.
6. **Download free Watch Duty and PulsePoint apps from any app store.**
7. Visit www.ready.gov/plan for more help making your plan.
8. **Get a standard A,B,C fire extinguisher: PASS is the key.**
 - **P**-Pull pin
 - **A**-Aim at the base of fire to remove oxygen supply
 - **S**-Squeeze the handle
 - **S**-Sweep the spray side to side

Wildfire is in the area

I've received a "READY" notification from Boise Fire or Police. What should I do?

1. **Tape OK or HELP sign to a door or window, where it is visible from the street.**
2. **Take care of yourselves first:**

Decide if you will stay or leave. *If leaving, tell your Pod Captain or someone in your Pod, and leave early.*
3. **Dress for safety from your GO Bag.** Secure your family, pets and any other home needs.
4. **Place fire extinguisher at curb.**
5. **Pack your car and back it into driveway, out of garage.**

Close garage door to prevent embers entering, so you're not trapped in case of power outage, and to save time if you need to leave in a hurry.
6. **Look for additional directives from Boise Fire, Police, Intermountain Gas, or Idaho Power.**

These may come by call, text, or email.
You may also receive texts from your neighborhood Pod Captains providing updates and organizing within your Pod.
7. **Monitor fire status using Watch Duty app.**

Organizing and Reducing Confusion

I've received a "SET" notification, what should I do?

1. **Remember to post your HELP sign if you need assistance.**
You can also text or call a Pod Captain for help.

My Pod Captain(s) names and phone numbers are:

2. **Go to your Pod Gathering Site** once your home is secure.
Avoid power lines and damaged structures.

Our Gathering Site location is:

3. **Break into Action Teams** and follow Pod Captain's directions.
(Suggested team actions: monitor emergency alerts, check homes with HELP or no signs, gather unattended children.)

4. **Bring anyone who needs extra support to the Care Center:**
Our Pod Care Center location is:
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I've received a "GO" notification, what should I do?

1. **Please evacuate calmly.**
Follow the directions in your notifications from Boise Fire or Police. They will recommend a route out of the neighborhood and a location to wait for further instructions. Don't delay!

My power is out, what should I do?

1. It might be a Public Safety Power Shutoff. In extreme weather, Idaho Power may proactively shut off power. They post outages on their website.
2. Prepare by getting a generator – assuring proper connections storing water and food for both people and pets, and having fans or space heaters on hand.
3. Visit www.idahopower.com for more tips on preparation.

I've received a notification to Shelter in Place. What should I do?

1. This directive may be given in the event of a hazardous waste spill, a weather event, road closure, or a number of other public safety risks.
2. You should go indoors, or remain indoors and follow CodeRED directives until further notice.
3. If you are inclined to remain in your home when evacuation is recommended, we strongly suggest you do research and make preparations, including making your home ignition-resistant. Visit www.ready.gov/plan for detailed guidance and planning.

What do I do during an Earthquake?

1. Stay where you are, drop to the ground, get under something sturdy, and hold on.
2. Fully detailed guidance is available at: www.ready.gov/earthquake.

About Gas and Water - Before an Emergency:

Check your gas meter, propane tank & water heater

- Locate house water shut off valve (house, not street main).
- Locate shut off valve on water heater.
- Always shut off propane tanks when not in use.

In the event of an Earthquake or Shelter in Place Directive, you may want to protect your home water supply.

- **Shut water off at house main, NOT street main.** This keeps water heater available for drinking, food preparation, and prevents backflow contamination.

Should I shut off my gas?

Updated guidelines from Intermountain Gas Company state that in an emergency event, IGC will take control of gas to the area. Homeowners should follow their directions.

- If you suspect you have a gas leak, ***evacuate immediately, then call 911, or Intermountain Gas at 800-548-3679.***
- For more info on gas leaks visit:

Intermountain Gas



Communication is Essential Set up to Receive Notifications:

Register for Emergency Notifications with Ada County Sheriff

1. Visit www.adacounty.id.gov/sheriff.
2. Scroll down to the lower right side of the home page and click on the words **"CodeRED by Crisis 24"**.
3. If you already have an Ada County CodeRED account, you can log in using your existing username and password. You can verify your settings here.
4. If you are registering for the first time, scroll down and register for a managed account. You will have the option of selecting the types of notifications you wish to receive and can provide your phone numbers for texts and calls, as well as an email address.
5. ***Please note: Ada County notifications do not go through the CodeRED App.*** Register using the above URL.
6. **Add these numbers as contacts in your phone:**
866-419-5000 CodeRED Emergency
855-969-4636 CodeRED General

You can then add them as numbers allowed to come through settings like "sleep" or "do not disturb".

Additional Notifications

Idaho Power Outage Alerts

1. To receive available notifications, follow these steps:
Visit www.idahopower.com > login to your account > choose "Outage Alerts" > update your phone and email information and choose the type of alert you want to receive.

Intermountain Gas Outage Alerts

1. Visit <http://www.customer.intgas.com> > login > scroll down to "Update Profile" > update customer information > scroll down to user information, and select Notification Preferences > choose Yes to Outage Alerts and update contact information.

Warm Springs Mesa Neighborhood updates:

1. Visit the Mesa website: www.warmspringsmesa.org
 - Sign up to receive notifications related to the Mesa. This confidential email list is used only by the Mesa Board.
 - Read articles related to FireWise.
 - Sign up for free home fire assessment: adafireadapted.org
 - Learn about Mesa events.

Use QR Codes below to access the websites:

Idaho Power



Intermountain
Gas



Warm Springs
Mesa Newsletter
Sign Up



Final Reminders - Action Items

1. Make your home and yard FireWise.
2. Create a family emergency plan.
3. Make your evacuation packing list.
4. Pack your Go Bag. Include your packing list & this Action Guide.
5. Check house water main, propane tank and water heater.
6. Make your property fire safe: get a home assessment.
7. Stock food and water for shelter in place.
8. Plan for power outages.
9. Get to know your neighbors so you can help each other if necessary.
10. Download free Watch Duty and PulsePoint phone apps.
11. Register for emergency and general notifications from:
 - Ada County Sheriff
 - Idaho Power
 - Intermountain Gas
 - Warm Springs Mesa

Add phone numbers for the above agencies to your contact list so messaging is identified as a legitimate call and allowed to come through. Adjust phone settings for those calls you wish to receive even during sleep and do not disturb settings.

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Evacuation Packing Priority List

Discuss with your family what you would need to take from your home if you had to evacuate and could not come back for several days. Include the “Seven P’s”: people and pets, papers, prescriptions, personal needs, priceless items, plastic and cash. Use this space to make your list and use it to pack your car if you receive a “READY” notification. Keep it in your Go Bag and save a copy in a handy spot.

PLEASE NOTE:

This information does not guarantee your safety or the protection of your property in an emergency event, especially wildfires. Wildfires can be dynamic, unpredictable, dangerous and destructive. Evacuation decisions are ultimately the responsibility of each individual. It is essential to stay informed about current conditions, have a personal evacuation plan in place and be prepared to act quickly. Neither the authors, publishers, distributors, nor any affiliated organizations assume any liability for the accuracy, completeness, or timeliness of the information provided.