

General Preparedness Information

Set Up Centralized Communications Center

Develop an Emergency Action Plan

Be prepared for adverse weather conditions before they strike:

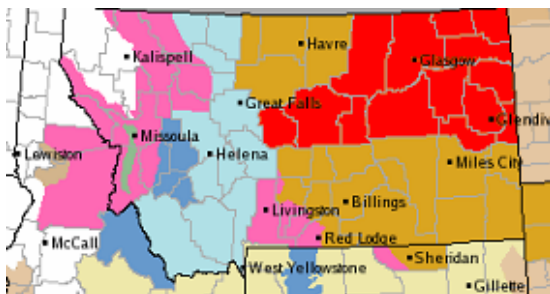
- Define weather hazards that would impact your event
- Set up a centralized communications center
- Develop an Emergency Action Plan

The National Weather Service (NWS) can help your event staff with:

- Safety and awareness information and brochures
- National Weather Services products and services training
- Please contact Tom Frieders for more information or to schedule training: **(406) 652-0851 ext. 223**
- Visit our website for more information: <http://weather.gov/billings/event.php>

Watches & Warnings

The NWS gives advance notice of specific weather conditions which are or may be a threat to life and property, utilizing local law enforcement, media partners and the Internet to disseminate details.



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Phone Service

Have the National Weather Service phone number readily accessible to contact for more information.

(406) 652-1916 ext. 0

Internet Access

Have the ability to monitor the forecast and radar trends from the National Weather Service website.

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NOAA Weather Radio

Utilize NOAA Weather Radio to monitor weather and be alerted of approaching Severe Weather. Use the table on the back of this brochure for information and frequencies for your area.

Television and Radio

Can be used to supplement the National Weather Service website and NOAA Weather Radio.

Lightning Detector

Have a lightning detector on hand to help alert the event organizers of any lightning in the area.

Radio/Phone Communications

Have the capability to communicate with event staff, by either radio or phone. Provides the ability to easily spread word of approaching threatening weather.

When should people be advised of threatening weather?

Keep attendees well informed of approaching hazardous weather and potential evacuations. Determine how much time it will take people to seek shelter or evacuate in an emergency. By knowing how much time it will take people to seek shelter or evacuate, you can notify attendees of approaching hazardous weather conditions so they can seek shelter or evacuate before a storm arrives.

How do you notify attendees of approaching hazardous weather conditions?

You can notify attendees by using a PA system, horn or siren. Use preprinted (fill in the blank) statements so that the message is consistent between event organizers.

Where do attendees seek shelter?

During severe weather, including lightning, severe winds, hail and tornadoes, attendees should seek shelter in a sturdy building as quickly as possible. Go to an interior room of the building and stay away from windows. Stay inside until the severe weather has passed. Make sure you have a shelter predefined.



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Our Mission

To Protect Life and Property through...

- Timely warnings and accurate forecasts.
- Serving public, aviation, agricultural, forestry and commercial weather needs.
- Weather and river observations and quality control of climate data.

NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio

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Provide continuous broadcasts of the latest weather information and local disaster and emergency announcements on very high frequency (VHF) radio. Our forecasts and warnings can be heard on the following transmitters and frequencies:

Baker	162.550 mHZ
Billings	162.550 mHZ
Broadus	162.425 mHZ
Miles City	162.400 mHZ
Sheridan	162.475 mHZ
Livingston	162.525 mHZ
Forsyth	162.525 mHZ
Hardin	162.450 mHZ
Ryegate	162.450 mHZ
Cody	162.400 mHZ
Mammoth	162.425 mHZ



Contact Information

Internet

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Forecast and Current Conditions

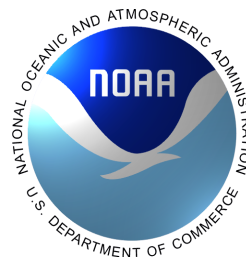
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Planning an Event?



Be Weather Prepared Ahead of Time with the National Weather Service