

## Be Prepared

Step 1: Put a plan together by discussing the questions below to start your emergency plan.

How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?

What is my shelter plan?

What is my evacuation route?

What is my family/household communication plan?

### Do I have a 15 minute to evacuate grab list?

Prescriptions / medications

Financial documents

Purses, wallets and credit cards

Photos, artwork, family heirlooms and irreplaceable memorabilia.

Computers, laptops, hard drives, mobile phones.

Keys to safety deposit boxes

Do not forget to pack pet essentials .



Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.

As you prepare your plan tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities.

Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in the network can assist each other with communication , care of children, business, pets or specific needs like operating medical equipment.

Create your own personal network for specific areas where you need assistance.

Keep in mind some these factors when developing your plan.

Step 3: Fill out a Family Emergency Plan.

Download and fill out a family emergency communications plan

<https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/family-emergency-communication-plan.pdf>



The Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) program is voluntarily supported by wireless operators to help make Americans safer. Alerts and warnings from local public safety officials are delivered directly to your WEA-capable mobile device when there is a dangerous situation in your area.

WEAs are not regular text messages. WEAs use a different kind of technology to ensure they are delivered as soon as possible. In addition, WEAs are only sent to capable wireless devices within the vicinity of the alert area.

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## EMERGENCY STATUS

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Go to [Boulderoem.com](http://Boulderoem.com) to review recent alerts!

What alerts does WEA deliver? WEA alerts only cover critical emergency situations. Residents of Boulder may receive the following types of alerts:

1. Alerts issued by the President of the United States
2. Alerts involving imminent threats to safety or life
3. Amber Alerts about missing children

## Questions and Answers about WEA's

Can I receive WEAs on a prepaid phone?

*Yes, prepaid phones can receive WEAs as long as their provider has decided to participate in WEA and the customer has a WEA-enabled device. These consumers receive the alerts just as customers with postpaid, monthly service do.*

Does WEA track my location?

*No WEA is not designed to – and does not – track the location of anyone receiving a WEA alert.*

Are WEAs text messages?

*No. Many providers have chosen to transmit WEAs using a technology that is separate and different from voice calls and SMS text messages.*

How much do consumers pay to receive WEA?

*Alerts are free. Customers do not pay to receive WEA.*

How does WEA work?

*Authorized public safety officials send WEA alerts through FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) to participating wireless carriers, which then push the alerts to compatible mobile devices in the affected area.*

Who receives the alerts?

*The alerts are broadcast to the geographic area affected by an emergency. WEA-enabled mobile devices in the alert zone will get the alert. Alerts also go beyond the geographic area and older mobile devices may get the alerts.*

Do I have to sign up to receive alerts?

*You do not need to sign up for this service. Government officials can send emergency alerts to all subscribers with WEA capable devices if their wireless carrier participates in the program.*