

Hazards in Deschutes County

Deschutes County is vulnerable to natural and man-made hazards including wildfire, winter storms, wind events, and hazardous material spills.

In 2021, Deschutes County identified the top 9 natural hazards for our area. The below ranking is based on a combination of likelihood with vulnerability. For example, while a Cascadia-level earthquake may not be as likely, its effects would be highly impactful to our area. This increases its rank to number 6.

Hazard	Hazard Rank
Winter Storm	1
Wildfire	2
Windstorm	3
Drought	4
Volcano	5
Earthquake (Cascadia)	6
Flood	7
Earthquake (Crustal)	8
Landslide	9

*Deschutes County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2021

To read the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan in its entirety, visit:

www.Sheriff.deschutes.org/2021_Deschutes_MNHMP.PDF



For more information, or to schedule a presentation for your business or group contact:

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Emergency Management**
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emergency.management@deschutes.org

To access this brochure in alternate formats, call 541-388-6501 or email emergency.management@deschutes.org



Scan this code with your device's camera to download the Deschutes County Family Emergency Preparedness Handbook.



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SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

Signing up for Deschutes Alerts is quick and easy. You can even do it on your cell phone.

Sign up today by visiting:
www.deschutes.org/911/alerts

- Then click the link to register your phone number.
- Creating a profile only takes a few minutes, and you can update your information at any time.
- New users must create an account with a valid phone number and email address.
- This service is provided to you free of charge. However, please be aware that text message charges may apply depending on your mobile service agreement and service carrier. Contact your mobile service provider for details.
- Call 541-388-6502 for help signing up.

GETTING STARTED

It's easy to become overwhelmed when you first begin thinking about getting prepared. Any internet search turns up hundreds of results, not to mention lists of things to buy, get, make, or repurpose. We created this pamphlet to inspire you to get started. Our philosophy is, it's better to start small than to not start at all!

You should start your efforts with 3 basic goals:

1. Make a **disaster plan** for your family.
2. Make a **go-bag** for each member of your family to survive away from home for at least 72 hours.
3. Create a **one-month supply** of food/water/and other items for your family to survive at home.

None of the above goals require complex equipment or great expense. Let's tackle each one:

1. Disaster Plan

- Sign up for Deschutes Alerts (see left panel)
- Where will you take shelter?
- What are your evacuation routes?
- How will you contact friends/family?
- Special considerations (medicine, disabilities, babies, pets, etc.)
- Practice your plan!

2. Go-Bags

- 3 days worth water & high-calorie food
- First aid kit
- See Preparedness Handbook for full list of suggested supplies

3. One-month of supplies

- Lay aside items bit by bit
- Use our 40-week guide to pick up a few things each week to add to your kit
- Look around the house and see what you might already have that you can add
- Keep your supplies in a safe, dry place

There's no finish line when it comes to preparedness. It involves an ongoing commitment to awareness about what's going on in your community, as well as a commitment to upkeep and rotation of your stores and updating disaster plans.

ONLINE RESOURCES



Deschutes County Family
Emergency Preparedness
Handbook:

[sheriff.deschutes.org/
Preparedness_Handbook.pdf](http://sheriff.deschutes.org/Preparedness_Handbook.pdf)



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