



Colorado County

Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023 Update

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

- Benjamin Franklin

The Colorado County Office of Emergency Services is leading the county-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update process to examine future natural hazards that could risk life and property. **The update is required to be eligible for future mitigation grants and help communities be prepared.**

WHAT?

HMPs are prepared and adopted by counties and jurisdictions with the primary purpose of **identifying, assessing, and reducing the long-term risks** from natural hazard events.

WHY?

Comprehensive, long-term planning will help Colorado County and the participating jurisdictions prepare for disasters **before they happen** to reduce the impact when a disaster occurs.

WHO?

FEMA regulations require **public participation in HMP development**. Support the plan by attending a public meeting, taking the public survey (at the link/QR code below), and checking the website for updates:

<https://www.co.colorado.tx.us/page/colorado.Emergency>

Live or work in Colorado County?
Take our survey!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZPH3RL6>



FAQs

What are the benefits of hazard mitigation?

- Identifying actions for risk reduction that are agreed upon by stakeholders and the public.
- Focusing resources on the greatest risks and vulnerabilities.
- Building partnerships by involving citizens, organizations, and businesses.
- Increasing education and awareness of threats and hazards, as well as their risks.
- Communicating priorities to state and federal officials.
- Aligning risk reduction with other community objectives.

What will the plan address?

The primary hazards of concern in the county include dam/levee failure, drought, erosion, expansive soils, extreme temperature, flood, hailstorm, land subsidence, lightning, tornado, wildfire, wind, and winter storms.

The study will focus on existing buildings and potential future development, infrastructure, and lifelines that might be impacted. Lifelines include but are not limited to municipal buildings and infrastructure such as power-generation facilities, water utilities, roadways, railroads and communication systems

Where can I see the 2023 plan?

Sections of the draft plan will be available for download, review, and comment on our website at <https://www.co.colorado.tx.us/page/colorado.Home>.

For more information about this process, please contact:

Colorado County Office of Emergency Services:
979-484-6047 – or charles.rogers@co.colorado.tx.us

