



Disaster Recovery Resources for Colorado Families

Extension Resources

Colorado State University Extension – www.ext.colostate.edu/

- Dealing with Disasters – Resources to help prepare for and recover from disaster; www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/LARIMER/dealing.with.disasters.htm
- Family – Resources on family, home, finances, and consumer; www.ext.colostate.edu/menu_consumer.html
- Drought and Fire Related Fact Sheets; <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/drought/fsmenu.html>

Other Extension Resources

- eXtension – Online resources from state Extension programs across the nation; www.extension.org/pages/26397/money-management-in-times-of-disaster:-preparation; www.extension.org/pages/15275/financial-security:-managing-money-in-tough-times
- Extension Disaster Education Network – Educational resources to reduce the impact of natural and man-made disasters; www.extension.org/pages/Extension_Disaster_Education_Network_Community_Page

Disaster Resources

National Relief Agencies

- American Red Cross – Helps prepare communities for emergencies and keep people safe; www.redcross.org
- Catholic Charities – Disaster Preparedness and Response Program provides relief and recovery services, including emergency food, shelter, direct financial assistance, counseling, and support; 1-800-919-9338; www.catholiccharitiesusa.org
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – May provide assistance and tax relief to residents of a community that has been declared a federal disaster area; 1-800-621-FEMA; www.fema.gov
- The Salvation Army – Provides assistance and resources during a disaster; contact your local Salvation Army office or go to www.salvationarmy.org

- Small Business Administration (SBA) – Provides low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace property that has been damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster; www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/
- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) – Provides long-term disaster recovery assistance as well as immediate relief; 212-870-3951; new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/work/emergencies/

Colorado Relief Agencies

- Colorado Office of Preparedness and Security – Implements prevention methods, coordinated response procedures, and effective recovery plans; 1-877-509-2422; csp.state.co.us/ops.html
- Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – An association of voluntary agencies and their partners involved in disaster response, recovery, and preparedness; coloradovoad.org
- Lutheran Family Services of Colorado – Works with the national office of Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) to bring help, hope and healing to disaster survivors and their care givers; www.lfsc.org/

Crisis Resources

- 9-1-1 for emergencies
- COLORADO 2-1-1 – Information and Referral Search Service for help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling, etc.; Dial 2-1-1 or 1-866-485-0211; www.211colorado.org
- USA National Suicide Hotlines – 1-800-273-8255 or 1-800-784-2433; suicidehotlines.com/national.html

Agriculture Resources

- Colorado State University Extension – www.ext.colostate.edu/menu_ag.html
- Farm Service Agency – May offer disaster assistance to farmers and ranchers; www.fsa.usda.gov
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – May offer disaster assistance to farmers and ranchers; www.nrcs.usda.gov

- Rural Development – May offer disaster assistance to rural communities;
www.rurdev.usda.gov

Benefits Screening, Referral Services, and Assistance

- COLORADO 2-1-1 – Information and Referral Search Service for help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling, etc.; Dial 2-1-1 or 1-866-485-0211;
www.211colorado.org
- Colorado Department of Human Services – Helps people meet basic needs: health care, economic assistance, and services for children; also serves people with disabilities and older people; check phone book or www.colorado.gov.CDHS
- GovBenefits.gov – Official U.S. government website on benefit and assistance programs;
www.benefits.gov

Consumer Education and Protection

- Better Business Bureau – Search businesses and charities for records of complaint resolution, educational materials, or to file a complaint; www.bbb.org
- Colorado Attorney General , Colorado Department of Law – Protects consumers from fraud and prosecutes criminals who prey upon citizens; 303-866-4500;
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov
- Colorado Division of Insurance – Assists consumers and other stakeholders with insurance issues; 1-800-930-3745; www.dora.state.co.us/insurance/
- Colorado Housing Counseling Coalition; Green Path Debt Solutions – Credit counseling and financial education agency; 1-800-550-1961; www.greenpath.com/
- Colorado Low Income Telephone Assistance Program – Phone discounts for low income users; 1-800-782-0721
- Direct Marketing Association (DMA) – Submit requests to stop unwanted marketing messages through direct mail, telemarketing and emails:
 - To stop direct mail marketing: Send a letter to Direct Marketing Association, Mail Preference Service, PO Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512
 - To stop telemarketing: Send a letter to Direct Marketing Association, Telephone Preference Service, PO Box 1559, Carmel, NY 10512
 - To stop email marketing: Visit <https://www.dmachoice.org/>

- Do Not Call – Place phone numbers on FTC’s national registry to stop unwanted telemarketing calls; <https://www.donotcall.gov/> or call 1-888-382-1222
- Federal Trade Commission – Provides consumer protection information; 1-877-382-4357; www.ftc.gov
- Insurance Information Institute – Aims to improve public understanding of insurance, what it Does, and how it works; www.iii.org/index.html
- Opt Out of Credit – “Opt-out” of pre-approved credit offers; 1-888-567-8688; www.optoutprescreen.com

Employment and Unemployment Resources

- Colorado Department of Labor and Employment – Division of Employment and Training; 303-318-8000; www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDLE-Main/CDLE/1240336821467
- Colorado Unemployment Benefits – Assists workers who have been injured on the job or lost a job through no fault of their own; ensure fair labor practices; and provide a safe work place; 1-800-388-5515; www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDLE-UnempBenefits/CDLE/1248095315478
- Colorado Workforce Center: Connecting Colorado – Serves job seekers, employers, and employees by providing a wide array of employment and training services at no charge; www.connectingcolorado.com
- U.S. Department of Labor – For information on resources for both employed and unemployed workers; www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications/; for information on retirement and health care benefits for dislocated workers; www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications/dislocated_workers_brochure.html

Reentry Services for Inmates

- New Directions – Dedicated to reducing the prison recidivism rate; 303-831-0635; www.newdirectionsdenver.com/default.html
- National Reentry Resource Center – Provides education, training, and technical assistance to groups working on prisoner reentry; www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/
- RECONNECT – Provides re-entry services that help inmates prepare for release and resources for ex-offenders in job searches, housing, clothing, and family services; 612-348-8570; www.amicususa.org/index.html

Financial Management

Money Management

- AARP – Money management information with focus on those 50 and over; www.aarp.org/money/
- American Association of Daily Money Managers (AADMM) – Provides daily money management services to members; www.aadmm.com/
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants – Tips and tools for managing money through marriage, parenthood, home ownership, college savings, and retirement; www.360financialliteracy.org/
- Americans for Financial Security – Basic financial education information and tools for consumers; www.afswebsite.org
- Consumer Federation of America – Provides consumers with a voice in decisions that affect their lives in the areas of communications, energy, finance, food and agriculture, health and safety, and housing; www.consumerfed.org/about/consumer_information.asp
- Federal Reserve Bank – “Consumer Information” page includes a credit card repayment calculator, mortgage foreclosure resources, general information for consumers and more; www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/default.htm/
- MyMoney.gov – Provides information from 20 federal agencies and bureaus on making smart financial choices; also available in Spanish; www.mymoney.gov/
- Smart About Money – Articles, worksheets, and other information to manage dollars better from the National Endowment for Financial Education; www.smartaboutmoney.org/
- Social Security Administration/Supplemental Security Income benefits and applications; 1-800-772-1213; www.ssa.gov/
- Social Security Administration – Estimate future Social Security benefits or find information on Medicare benefits and applications; www.ssa.gov/
- U.S. Department of Treasury – Answers to a variety of personal finance questions; www.treasury.gov/education/faq/personal

Credit Counseling

- Green Path Debt Solutions – Credit counseling and financial education agency; 1-800-550-1961; www.greenpath.com/

- Money Management International – Credit counseling and financial education agency; 1-866-889-9347; MoneyManagement.org
- National Foundation for Credit Counseling – Find a certified credit counseling agency; 1-800-388-2227; www.nfcc.org

Debt Management

- Bankruptcy Resources:
 - Financial Success: Recovery after Bankruptcy – Approved debtor education course from eXtension; www.extension.org/pages/Financial_Security_for_All_Debtor_Education
 - U.S. Trustee Program – Information on bankruptcy and related issues in multiple languages; www.usdoj.gov/ust/index.htm
- Colorado Legal Services – Provides access to civil legal services in the pursuit of justice for low-income persons and members of vulnerable populations; 303-837-1321; www.coloradolegalservices.org
- Gambling Resources:
 - Gamblers Anonymous – www.gamblersanonymous.org/ga/index.php
 - National Council on Problem Gambling – 1-800-522-4700; www.ncpgambling.org
 - Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado – www.problemgamblingcolorado.com
- Other Debt Resources:
 - Colorado Housing Counseling Coalition; Green Path Debt Solutions – Credit counseling and financial education agency; 1-800-550-1961; www.greenpath.com/
 - Federal Reserve Bank – Consumer Information page includes a credit card repayment calculator, mortgage foreclosure resources, general information for consumers and more; www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/default.htm/
 - Green Path Debt Solutions – Credit counseling and financial education agency; 1-800-550-1961; www.greenpath.com/
 - Power Pay – Interactive calculator helps determine how to manage credit and debt; www.extension.usu.edu/finance
 - U.S. Department of Education – Student loan consolidation information; 1-800-872-5327; www.ed.gov

Investment Resources

- Federal Reserve Bank – Consumer Information page includes a credit card repayment calculator, mortgage foreclosure resources, general information for consumers and more; www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/default.htm/
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority – Investing information; www.finra.org/investors/index.htm
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission – Consumer investing publications and online calculators; www.sec.gov/investor.shtml

Food and Nutrition Resources

- Angel Food Ministries – National non-profit, non-denominational food relief agency; www.angelfoodministries.cm/
- ChooseMyPlate.gov – Provides personalized eating plans and interactive tools to help assess and plan food choices based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans; www.choosemyplate.gov/
- Colorado State University Extension: Nutrition, Health and Food Safety Programs – www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/LARIMER/fsw.htm
www.coopext.colostate.edu/LARIMER/nutrition.htm
- Free or Reduced School Breakfast and Lunches – Apply any time to your local school district
- Hunger Free Colorado – Working to streamline the existing federal and local benefits systems so every Coloradan has access to adequate, nutritional food; 720-328-1284; www.hungerfreecolorado.org
- Spend Smart, Eat Smart – Ideas for saving money on food and nutritious eating from Iowa State University Cooperative Extension; www.extension.iastate.edu/foodsavings
- USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP) – Develops and promotes dietary guidance that links scientific research to nutrition needs of consumers; www.cnpp.usda.gov/
- WIC (Women, Infants & Children Program) – Provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income women, infants, and children up to age five who are at nutritional risk; www.fns.usda.gov/wic/

Health Care, Medical, and Dental Resources

- Hear Now – Hearing Aid Financial Assistance; call 1-800-648-4327
- Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing – www.colorado.gov/hcpf

Housing Resources

Shelters/Temporary Housing

- Angel House (Interfaith Hospitality Network) – 970-663-1716
- Catholic Charities – 970-484-5010 (families and individuals)
- Open Door Mission (single adults) – 970-224-4302

Heating Assistance

- Colorado Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) – (November 1 - April 30 only); www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-SelfSuff/CBON/1251580884665

Foreclosure Prevention Resources

- Colorado Housing Counseling Coalition; Green Path Debt Solutions – Credit counseling and financial education agency; 1-800-550-1961; www.greenpath.com/
- Consumer Action Housing Help: Foreclosure Prevention Guide – Free resource to help struggling homeowners at all stages of foreclosure process; www.consumer-action.org/english/articles/consumer_action_housing_help/
- FDIC Foreclosure Prevention – Helps consumers avoid unnecessary foreclosures and stop foreclosure “rescue” scams; www.fdic.gov/consumers/loans/prevention/
- Federal Reserve Bank – Resources to help with mortgage payment difficulties; www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/foreclosure.htm
- HOPE for Homeowners – Help for homeowners in distress; 1-888-995-4673; www.hopenow.com
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Information to help those in Foreclosure or worried about it in the future; 1-800-569-4287; www.hud.gov/foreclosure

Immigration and Human Rights Issues

- Free Legal Aid Colorado – Focuses on increasing benefits for children, the poor, and other disadvantaged communities;
www.usattorneylegalservices.com/free-legal-aid-Colorado.html
- Colorado Legal Services – Legal assistance and legal advocates for low-income Coloradans;
coloradolegalservices.org/co/homepage.html
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) – 1-800-669-4000; www.eeoc.gov
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – 303-672-5440; www.hud.gov
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights – 303-844-2024;
www.hhs.gov/ocr
- Fuerza Latina: Center for Justice Peace and Environment – 970-472-4501;
www.cjpe.org/index.html

Legal Resources

- Colorado Legal Services – Legal assistance and legal advocates for low-income Coloradans;
coloradolegalservices.org/co/homepage.html
- Free Legal Aid Colorado – Focuses on increasing benefits for children, the poor, and other disadvantaged communities;
www.usattorneylegalservices.com/free-legal-aid-Colorado.html

Military Service Member Resources

- American Red Cross Support for Military Families and Veterans –
www.coloradoredcross.org/general.asp?SN=5846&OP=5849&IDCapitulo=Q4Q26NY21N
- Military One Source – Education, information, resources, referrals, and counseling for military service members and their families; www.militaryonesource.com/skins/mos/home.aspx
- TurboTAP – The U.S. Department of Defense’s official website for service members returning home from active duty; www.turbotap.org

- United States Department of Veterans Affairs: Compensated Work Therapy Program – www.cwt.va.gov/

Parenting and Family Resources

- Parenting 24/7 – Advice on parenting and family life; <http://parenting247.org/>
- Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights – Information about children with disabilities as well as links to other areas including bullying; <http://www.pacer.org>
- We Can Parent Together – Resources and information on working together as parents, whatever your family situation; <http://www.wecanparenttogether.org/>

Tax Assistance

- AARP Tax-Aid – Free tax preparation assistance services; 1-888-227-7669; www.aarp.org/money/taxaide/
- Colorado Department of Revenue Center for Colorado Taxes – 303-238-SERV (7378)
- Colorado Department of Revenue Division of Taxation – Resource to citizens to address concerns and obtain information about state government; www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/Revenue/REVS/1176842266433
- Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate Program – 303-238-7378
- Internal Revenue Service – 1-800-829-1040; www.irs.gov
- United Way 2-1-1 – Find free tax assistance locations and other resources; Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-543-7709; www.211unitedway.org
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – Dial 2-1-1 or coloradovita.org/

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