

# Sign Up For Emergency Alerts

**Alert Sense** (For various emergency alerts):

<https://oneidaid.us/Document%20Center/Department/Emergency%20Services/Alert%20Sense%20Reverse%20911.pdf>

**Rocky Mountain Power** (For power outage alerts):

<https://www.rockymountainpower.net/outages-safety/storm-emergency-preparedness.html>

## Emergency Radio Communications Program

Please consider assisting us in our efforts to build a robust Emergency Radio Communications System that will allow us to more effectively and efficiently collect vital information in the event of a major disaster or emergency. To do so, there are a few steps to follow.

**Step 1:** Acquire an FRS (“**F**amily **R**adio **S**ervice” – Standard “Walkie Talkie” Radio) and/or GMRS (“**G**eneral **M**obile **R**adio **S**ervice”) radio.

**FRS Note:** Newer model FRS radios (post 2018) now transmit and receive on 2 watts of power as opposed to the older radios that only used 0.5 watts. This makes a big difference in the distance that the radios will broadcast.

**GMRS Note:** GMRS radios function on the same frequencies / channels as the FRS radios but transmit at 5 watts of power rather than 2. Again, increasing the effective communication distance between radios. These radios do require an FCC license to operate at this higher wattage. Please see below for instructions on how to obtain this license.

**GMRS License Notes:** A GMRS license does not require testing, is valid for 10 years at a cost of \$35 and is good for every member of your immediate family. According the [FCC.gov](https://www.fcc.gov) website, “Immediate Family” is defined as:

**Spouse**

**Children, grandchildren, and stepchildren**

**Parents, grandparents, and stepparents**

**Brothers and sisters**

**Aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews**

**In-laws**

**Step 2:** Please refer to the appropriate City or County Emergency Communication Zone Map by clicking on the corresponding link below and determine which “Zone” you live in:

City Zone Map:

<https://oneidaid.us/Document%20Center/Department/Emergency%20Services/City%20View%20Zone%20Map.pdf>

County Zone Map:

<https://oneidaid.us/Document%20Center/Department/Emergency%20Services/County%20View%20Zone%20Map.pdf>

**Step 3:**

On your FRS / GMRS radio, locate the channel that corresponds with your Zone. This will be the channel that will allow you to communicate with your Zone Emergency Communications Coordinator (ZECC) in the event of an emergency or disaster.

**Step 4:**

Each Sunday evening at 7:00 pm, we hold a “Net Check” which consists of checking in with your ZECC in the following orderly fashion: Your ZECC will call out and request a response from the list of those who reside within their Zone. (This list is created as you check in and/or have notified your ZECC that you have a radio and would like to participate). The purpose of this Check is to verify that radio communications are clear and that participants become familiar with how to use their radios in the event of an emergency. We ask that you participate in enough of these checks to become familiar with your radios so that in the event of an emergency, you know that your equipment works and that you are able to respond accordingly.

The contact information for each ZECC can be found below.  
(Information to follow)

## **GMRS Instructions**

GMRS radios can be purchased through various sources and are available at very comparable prices to the FRS radios, but as mentioned previously, do require an FCC license to operate.

# **Step-by-Step Instructions for Obtaining a GMRS License Online:**

**You can obtain an FCC-issued GMRS license for your family online in a matter of minutes! First, lets check our eligibility:**

The GMRS license must be:

- 18 year or older
- Not be a representative of a foreign government

- Applying on you and your families behalf (a business can not apply for a blanket GMRS license, but individuals can use the radios for work)

### Step one: Obtain an FRN number

Start by obtaining a 10-digit FRN (FCC Registered Number) from the [Commission Registration System \(CORES\)](#). We recommend completing this process on a computer (the buttons are quite small using a mobile device).

1. Click "Register" (middle of the three boxes) and set up your account
  - We recommend using an email account that you'll have access to permanently (ie: not a school or work email address that you might lose access at some point).
2. Once you've created your account, log in using the email address (username) and password you just set up.
3. Select "Register FRN" from the central box (third option from top)
4. Follow the steps to confirm yourself as an **individual**, complete the FRN registration form, then press submit.
  - Note: you will need to input your social security number or a tax identification number at this step
  - You will receive your 10 digit FRN number after submitting at the top of the landing page.

### Step Two: Apply for your GMRS license

Once you've obtained your FRN, you can apply for a GMRS License in the [FCC's License Manager](#).

- You will need your FRN number and the password created for the CORES website to login.
2. Once logged in, you will see an option at the top of the left-hand sidebar to "Apply for a new license"
  3. In the dropdown, scroll all the way to the bottom to "ZA - General Mobile Radio", then click "Continue"
  4. Follow the rest of the application. There will be questions to answer with dropdown menus and a page for you to enter your contact information. You will then arrive at the Summary page. Click "Continue to Certify" if everything looks correct.

5. Next you will be asked to sign by entering your first name, middle initial, and last name. The "Title" field is optional.
6. Once you have successfully submitted your application, click the button to Continue to CORES website for payment completion.
7. Log back into CORES using the email address & password from step 4 then select the second option from the menu titled "Manage Existing FRNs | FRN Financial | Bills and Fees "
8. Then select the second option "FRN Financial" then "View/Make Payments" under the Action column.
9. Finally, select "Make Payment" and follow the instructions.
10. Once payment has been made, you're finished with the process!

**\*Your call sign should be issued via email within 1-2 business days\*** After submitting your payment, you will not receive an email immediately after but you can check on the status by logging into the [License Manager](#)

1. Once you receive your call sign, remember to keep it handy! Consider committing it to memory or printing it out to have it easily accessible.

If you have any questions about the license application or need assistance in the process, you can absolutely contact the FCC at 1-888-CALLFCC or submit a request for help through the [FCC Licensing Help Center](#). The [FCC Help Desk](#) can also be helpful if you get stuck!

## FCC Rules for GMRS:

All the rules and regulations set out by the FCC for operating a GMRS radio can be found in [Title 47, Part 95, Subpart E of the Code of Federal Regulations](#). A few rules to briefly mention are:

- If an authorized FCC representative requests to inspect a GMRS station, the operator must make the station and any station records available for inspection.
- GMRS stations must not communicate:
  - Messages in connection with any activity which is against Federal, State, or local law
  - False or deceptive messages

- Coded messages or messages with hidden meanings ("10 codes" are permissible I.e. "10-4" means "OK")
- Music, whistling, sound effects or material to amuse or entertain
- Advertisements or offers for the sale of goods or services
- Advertisements for a political candidate or political campaign (messages about the campaign business may be communicated)
- International distress signals, such as the word "Mayday" (except when on a ship, aircraft or other vehicle in immediate danger to ask for help)
- Messages which are both conveyed by a wireline control link and transmitted by a GMRS station
- Messages (except emergency messages) to any station in the Amateur Radio Service, to any unauthorized station, or to any foreign station
- Continuous or uninterrupted transmissions, except for communications involving the immediate safety of life or property
- Messages for public address systems
- Each GMRS station must be identified by transmission of its FCC-assigned call sign at the end of transmissions and at periodic intervals (every 15 min) during transmissions.