



CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Organized by Communities Responding to Extreme Weather (CREW)

WHAT IS CREW?

Communities Responding to Extreme Weather (**CREW**) is a network of local leaders building grassroots climate resilience through inclusive & hands-on **education, service, and planning.**

WHAT IS CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS WEEK?

Climate Preparedness Week (September 24th - 30th) is dedicated to learning, service, and action. We hope it will better prepare our communities for extreme weather events and raise awareness of the connection between climate change and extreme weather.

Individuals, families, organizations, businesses, and communities can host their own climate preparedness-related activities that week, or join a project in their community. There are **no limits to creativity or scale!**

WHY SHOULD WE PARTICIPATE?

Climate change is a notoriously slow-moving phenomena that has and will continue to impact all of us, especially our more vulnerable community members. By addressing the need for urgency around this issue, artificially timed events like Climate Preparedness Week give us a concrete opportunity to focus the attention of our communities on this long-term problem and **take concrete action** to prepare for climate impacts and **strengthen the resilience of our communities.**

By hosting an event, you have an opportunity to **directly assist the most vulnerable members of your community** and to **further a conversation about these important issues.**



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WHAT CAN WE DO?

Take a look at a few sample ideas in each of the three categories below:

EDUCATION

Emergency preparedness workshop: Invite someone from a local emergency management agency to teach extreme weather preparedness.

Resource festival: Host a fair in which local community centers distribute information about what services they can provide in the case of extreme weather. Ask local businesses to help sponsor food and entertainment.

SERVICE

Depaving: Remove the pavement of a yard, and plant grass, flowers, etc.

Tree-planting: Plant trees as protection against flooding, extreme heat.

Bed-raising: Build and plant a raised bed for flowers, herbs etc.

PLANNING

Neighborhood map: Create a map of your neighborhood, and identify who would need help in the event of an extreme weather event.

Decision-making role play: Distribute the roles of decision-makers, authority figures, local business owners, and citizens - all of whom have stakes in the development of a new housing project. Decide together what the best plan of action would be.

Weatherization project: What resources and whose help are needed to help weatherize old buildings? Invite a local professional to help the group understand the comprehensive costs and benefits to making their homes more climate resilient.

Do you have a great idea for an activity? [Register your event!](#)

Do you want to take the lead, and need some inspiration? [Browse through](#) many more ideas on our website, or [contact us](#) at the email below and we'll get in touch.

To register, visit our website:

www.climatecrew.org/prep_week

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