



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.**

We equip community-based teams of volunteer leaders with the training, local and regional organizational structures, and technological support needed to build climate resilience.

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, groups, and communities can register climate preparedness-related activities that week, or join a project in their region. There are no limits to creativity or scale!

WHY SHOULD WE PARTICIPATE?

Climate Preparedness Week will be a unique opportunity to educate community members about an **important and all-encompassing problem.** By participating, you will help them engage with an issue that will **directly impact their future and their neighbors,** and equip them with the knowledge to participate in community conversations on extreme weather and climate change.

Before and during an extreme weather event, many community members may not realize that public libraries already provide many resilience and safety services. By participating in Climate Preparedness Week, we hope to raise awareness for the role that libraries can play in strengthening community preparedness.



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WHAT CAN LIBRARIES DO?

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

EDUCATION

Expert-led presentation: Invite a local leader in climate resilience to discuss climate change impacts specific to the surrounding town or city.

Classroom discussion: Coordinate between local schools to convene for a collaborative discussion on climate preparedness.

Book or media display: Work with the appropriate librarian(s) to develop a “tour” of lendable material on climate change, extreme weather, and preparedness.

SERVICE

Garden maintenance: Plant trees in approved spaces as protection against flooding and extreme heat, and take care of existing green spaces.

Cooling center: Advertise the library as a space where individuals may seek refuge on extremely hot, cold, or precipitous days.

Material distribution: Encourage library visitors to take home informational brochures about how to be prepared for extreme weather, how to help their neighborhoods, and how to start a CREW Team of their own.

PLANNING

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

Roleplay activity: Use a CREW guide to assign stakeholder roles and discuss what steps the town should take to address a climate resilience threat in the community.

Emergency prep kit: Lead a workshop on how to assemble the necessary supplies in the case of a flood, heat, or drought emergency.

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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