



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



National Preparedness Month

Preparedness is a year round activity. However, September is the month for recognizing national preparedness. The overall goal is to engage the public to make preparedness a part of their daily lives and just not for one single month. National Preparedness Month (NPM) is geared towards building awareness and encouraging Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, schools, organizations, businesses, and places of worship. NPM is managed and sponsored by FEMA's Ready Campaign. The Ready Campaign works closely with Citizen Corps and National Preparedness Community (NPC) members to increase emergency preparedness awareness and activities across the nation and to ensure the rollout of NPM events.

Become a National Preparedness Community Member

Building community resilience requires close coordination with government, emergency managers, public and private and sectors, as well as individuals to plan for the needs of the whole community. This is where the National Preparedness Community (NPC) members come into action.

The NPC, with over 26,000 members, is one of the nation's largest online public networks organized to improve resilience against all-hazards throughout the country. It is made up of individuals engaged in preparedness and those who want to be engaged in preparedness. They are committed to strengthening, sustaining, and enhancing the resilience of their communities.

As NPC members "Pledge to Prepare", they take actions that will strengthen their own personal, family, and community preparedness capabilities. NPC members also bridge the gap between all levels of government and the public, through emergency preparedness education and events. By expanding the emergency management team to include entire communities, the NPC helps to improve national preparedness and resilience.

Why Should I Join? Benefits of Becoming a National Preparedness Community Member

Upon becoming a member of the National Preparedness Community (NPC), you can take what you learn from other members, implement new approaches in your community, and commit to taking simple steps to be better prepared before a disaster strikes. You will also have access to many tools and resources.

CONNECT & COLLABORATE

With many communities across the country facing tight budgets and resource shortfalls, take advantage of this FREE and easy way to share ideas, activities, and techniques to build your preparedness capabilities.

In regional discussions, receive information from emergency management personnel that's near you. Also, learn and share best practices among peers in the communities of practice.

Communities of Practices include:

- Private Sector
- Educators, Parents, & Advocates
- Faith based
- Colleges & Universities
- State, Local, Tribal, & Territorial
- First Responders
- Access & Functional Needs



PROMOTE YOUR EVENT

Submit and view preparedness related events on an interactive calendar. You can let other NPC members know what you're doing by entering your event, outlining details such as location and activity information. You will also be able to gauge the level of event interest.

GET RESOURCES

- Ready-to-use templates
- Posters
- Web banners
- Widgets
- Articles
- Blog posts
- Social media tips

Join Today

By registering to become a member of the National Preparedness Community you will help us build a more secure and resilient nation.

Signing up is simple, quick, and free. Visit Ready.gov/pledge and join over 26,000 National Preparedness Community members making a difference.

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