



# 10 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN AMERICA'S *PrepareAthon!*



**Access Alerts and Warnings**



**Test Communication Plans**



**Assemble or Update Supplies**



**Drill or Practice Emergency Response**



**Participate in a Class, Training, or Discussion**



**Plan with Neighbors**



**Conduct an Exercise**



**Make Property Safer**



**Document and Insure Property**













**Safeguard Documents**

America's PrepareAthon!<sup>SM</sup> is a grassroots campaign for action to get more people prepared for emergencies.

Be a leader in your community by participating in one or more of the America's PrepareAthon! actions. Visit the America's PrepareAthon! website at [ready.gov/prepare](http://ready.gov/prepare) to download materials and register your action.

## INCREASE YOUR PREPAREDNESS THROUGH ACTION

America's PrepareAthon! Actions	Available Resources
 <p>Sign up for local alerts and warnings, download apps, and/or check access for wireless emergency alerts.</p>	<p>The <i>Be Smart. Know Your Alerts and Warnings</i> handout (<a href="http://go.usa.gov/3Zxmk">http://go.usa.gov/3Zxmk</a>) provides a summary of how to receive timely information about weather conditions or other emergency events. Share the handout with family members or your employees and encourage them to sign up to stay informed. For organizations, establish someone to be responsible for monitoring alerts and have a decision protocol if action is needed.</p>
 <p>Create and test emergency communication plans.</p>	<p>The <i>Be Smart. Take Part: Create Your Family Emergency Communication Plan</i> handout (<a href="http://go.usa.gov/3BgXA">http://go.usa.gov/3BgXA</a>) guides you through developing and testing a plan for your household. For organizations, test your communication platforms to ensure that you will be able to contact everyone with critical information. Each hazard-specific <i>Prepare Your Organization Playbook</i>, under the "Take Action" section of <a href="http://ready.gov/prepare">ready.gov/prepare</a>, provides scenario-based questions as part of the tabletop exercise to help you think through communication requirements for your organization.</p>
 <p>Assemble or update emergency supplies.</p>	<p>Each hazard-specific <i>How to Prepare</i> guide, under the "Take Action" section of <a href="http://ready.gov/prepare">ready.gov/prepare</a>, discusses important supplies you will need if you have to evacuate or be home without water or electricity.</p>

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 <p>Conduct a drill to practice emergency response actions for local hazards.</p>	<p>The "Take Action" section of <a href="http://ready.gov/prepare">ready.gov/prepare</a> has <i>How To Prepare</i> guides, maps of historical activity for different hazards, and <i>Prepare Your Organization Playbooks</i>, which give guidance on how to hold drills for evacuating, practicing tornado safety, and staying in place.</p>
 <p>Participate in a preparedness discussion, training, or class.</p>	<p>Each hazard-specific <i>Prepare Your Organization Playbook</i> includes an agenda, talking points, and resources to hold a preparedness discussion. Visit the "Take Action" section of <a href="http://ready.gov/prepare">ready.gov/prepare</a> for more information. Contact your local emergency management agency to find training that may be available in your community.</p>
 <p>Collect and safeguard critical documents.</p>	<p>The <i>Be Smart. Protect Your Critical Documents and Valuables</i> checklist (<a href="http://go.usa.gov/3ZxyW">http://go.usa.gov/3ZxyW</a>) identifies the financial and legal documentation, medical information, and household identification you may need following a disaster. Ensure that your organization's critical documents and operating plans are also safeguarded to guarantee operational continuity.</p>
 <p>Document property and obtain appropriate insurance for relevant hazards.</p>	<p>The <i>Be Smart. Protect Your Critical Documents and Valuables</i> checklist (<a href="http://go.usa.gov/3ZxyW">http://go.usa.gov/3ZxyW</a>) can help you get started. FLASH and The Actuarial Foundation's <i>If Disaster Strikes, Will You Be Covered?</i> (<a href="http://bit.ly/1JZUIQa">http://bit.ly/1JZUIQa</a>) provides information on different insurance products for different disasters and how to mitigate potential losses. The <a href="http://www.floodsmart.gov">National Flood Insurance Program</a> (<a href="http://www.floodsmart.gov">www.floodsmart.gov</a>) offers information on flood insurance.</p>
 <p>Make property improvements to reduce potential injury and property damage (mitigation).</p>	<p>Each <i>How To Prepare</i> guide provides information on how to reduce property damage and potential injury from each hazard. Visit the "Take Action" section of <a href="http://ready.gov/prepare">ready.gov/prepare</a> for more information.</p>
 <p>Conduct an exercise of a disaster scenario to review and improve your emergency plan.</p>	<p>The <i>Prepare Your Organization Playbooks</i> have step-by-step instructions using mock scenarios for each hazard. Visit the "Take Action" section of <a href="http://ready.gov/prepare">ready.gov/prepare</a> for more information. Consider participating in a whole community <a href="http://go.usa.gov/3X5Y9">tabletop exercise</a> (<a href="http://go.usa.gov/3X5Y9">http://go.usa.gov/3X5Y9</a>) for these hazards.</p>
 <p>Plan with neighbors to help each other and share resources.</p>	<p>Almost half of Americans expect to rely a great deal on their neighbors after a disaster. Start the conversation now with these <a href="http://go.usa.gov/3Zxv2">Neighbor Helping Neighbor strategies</a> (<a href="http://go.usa.gov/3Zxv2">http://go.usa.gov/3Zxv2</a>).</p>

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