

# September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is held each September to encourage Americans to make sure they are prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. The theme this year is “Pledge to Prepare”



# Pledge to Be Prepared

This September marks the ninth annual NPM. This year's theme is "Pledge to Prepare-Awareness to Action". We're asking the public-individuals, business, and organizations-to take specific action by doing the following:

- 1. Learn about emergency hazards and their appropriate responses
- 2. Make a communications plan
- 3. Build an emergency kit
- 4. Get involved in preparedness in their community.



# The Preparedness Community

- Disasters affect families and their communities, businesses and their customers, and organizations and their members. It takes all aspects of a community, to effectively prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters.

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# What Is My Role?

- As FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate reminds us, "Individuals and families are the most important members of the nation's emergency management team. Being prepared can save precious time if there is a need to respond to an emergency."