



This summer, President Obama is calling on Americans to participate in our nation's recovery and renewal by volunteering in our local communities. To encourage individuals to volunteer and develop their own "do-it-yourself" projects that can help prepare communities for disasters, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Citizen Corps have teamed up with the Corporation for National and Community Service to provide a Community Preparedness Toolkit on [Serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov).

Research conducted by FEMA on disaster preparedness shows that many people who believe themselves "prepared" for disasters often aren't as prepared as they think. Our nation's emergency managers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, EMT/paramedics, and other emergency responders do an incredible job of keeping us safe, but they can't do it alone. We must all embrace our individual responsibility to be prepared, as well as assist our family and friends.

This new Community Preparedness Toolkit helps citizens create a service project to prepare their family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues for disasters in their local community. For more information and to download the toolkit, visit <http://www.serve.gov/toolkits/disaster/>.

*This news story and other Community Preparedness news, including Citizen Corps Bulletins, can be found on our website at <http://www.citizencorps.gov/>.*

Sincerely,

The National Office of Citizen Corps  
FEMA Community Preparedness Division

