



# Ready Together

## Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness

*"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members" - Coretta Scott King*

### Introduction

*Ready Together* is an invitation to **you** to get together with your neighbors to prepare for whatever comes your way. Along with this ***Emergency Preparedness Handbook***, [ReadyTogether.Net](http://readytogether.net) provides facilitation and outreach guides as well as online peer support salons, and a virtual community of practice where neighbors from different communities across the US can share their experience in getting, and being, ready together.

Ready Together helps neighbors work together to prepare for the many kinds of disasters we encounter these days. Our focus is on natural disasters, and on working closely with those neighbors who will likely be nearby to help you when a disaster occurs.

With this *Ready Together Handbook* we invite clusters of neighbors to get together over seven sessions, and take basic steps to be prepared for all manner of disasters and crises. You'll prepare your own household and support each other in doing the same. The Handbook walks participants through practical, no-cost and low-cost actions and helps neighbors:

- Identify and mitigate home and neighborhood hazards;
- Gather supplies of food, water, and medicine that are essential;
- Prepare "Go-Bags" for all household members in case of evacuation is necessary;

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- Develop emergency response and contingency plans to respond to whatever happens;
  - Increase personal capacity to be calm and clear in chaotic times;
  - Map neighborhoods so no one falls through the cracks;
  - Create neighborhood-specific hands-on strategies to deal with crisis situations;
  - And importantly - *Enjoy doing all this with your neighbors!*