

**2014 Nevada Flood Awareness Week (FAW)**  
**November 10-15, 2014**  
**Ideas for Local Activities, Events**

**Communities/Groups:**

- **Organize a Business Owners Group:** Up to 40% of businesses never recover after a major disaster. Plan to stay in business. <http://youtu.be/2U0EFYKGn50>  
Does your small business have an emergency response plan? Download FREE planning tools: <http://www.Ready.gov/business> “[Get Your Business Prepared- Floods](#)” 15 sec PSA
- **Form a Local Citizen Corps Council** – Does your community receive support from Citizen Corps Councils and Citizen Corps’ program. Support for you, your family, first responders, and your community in an emergency. [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov)
- **Form a Pet Owners Group** - Remember Your Pets! Get your Pet an preparedness kit: [www.Ready.gov/animals](http://www.Ready.gov/animals)
- **Form a Seniors Group** [www.Ready.gov/seniors](http://www.Ready.gov/seniors) “Preparing makes sense for Older Americans” (Closed Captioning & American Sign Language) <http://youtu.be/SByTKf2rrlg>
- **SCOUT TROOPS** – Do you know what to do in an emergency situation? Feel the connection with your community and learn to identify community needs and actions to support public safety.  
**Boy Scout** [Emergency Preparedness merit badge](#)  
**Girl Scout** [Emergency Preparedness Patch program](#)

**General Public**

- **Individuals** - take a few simple actions, you can make your family safer. Be Informed | Make a Plan | Build a Kit | Get Involved, Throw A Block Party!!
- **SCHOOLS:** Invite officials from your local Office of Emergency Management or First Responder Teams to speak at schools or youth events. School Assembly to talk about natural disasters and what to do. DRI “Green Boxes” - These materials to include science-based activities such as calculations regarding flood size, frequency, and response (e.g. materials needed for sand bagging of a specified area)

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The consequences of flooding can be devastating. Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Flood damaged homes usually can't be occupied while being repaired, so rent as well as the mortgage must be paid. When things like photos are lost in flooding, so are personal and family histories.

**For more information** about how to obtain assistance in planning Flood Awareness Week in your community, contact John Cobourn at University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (775-336-0244 or [cobournj@unce.unr.edu](mailto:cobournj@unce.unr.edu)) or Jenna Damon at the Nevada Division of Water Resources, Office of the State Floodplain Manager (775-684-2833 or [jdamon@water.nv.gov](mailto:jdamon@water.nv.gov)).