

FEMA Releases Second Coloring Book in the “Safer Communities” Coloring Book Series: “My Safe Yard”

FEMA recently published the second coloring book in the “Safer Communities” series. The [“My Safe Yard”](#) coloring book aims to teach young children (primarily ages 4 to 7) about how preparing their yard for a storm can make their home safer.

This 11-page book, which is available in English and Spanish, includes:

- A series of coloring pages that share a short narrative about a family becoming storm safety superheroes by preparing their yard for a storm.
- A glossary of terms to help expand vocabulary.
- Activities that can be done with an adult.

Each component of the coloring book is designed to help children quickly grasp the importance of preparing their yard for a storm.

The “Safer Communities” coloring book series showcases different methods to mitigate the effects of natural hazards in communities. This project supports FEMA’s Risk Management Directorate’s (RMD) overall goals of creating resilience within communities and engaging youth by simplifying mitigation actions. RMD’s hope is that parents, teachers and guardians will use these coloring books with children to introduce them to the role mitigation actions can play in making their local communities safer. Teachers can incorporate the books seamlessly into science and art lesson plans, while also encouraging kids to learn outside of the classroom.

The first coloring book in the series, “My Rain Garden,” teaches children about how rain gardens can reduce flood risk.

The “My Safe Yard” and “My Rain Garden” coloring books are available at [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov). If you have any questions, or if you would like more information, please reach out to Peter Herrick, Jr., at Peter.Herrickjr@fema.dhs.gov.

