

Weather-Ready Nation is...

Change

Our communities are becoming increasingly vulnerable to weather, water and climate disasters. In 2011, we saw a record number of disasters that each caused \$1 billion or more in losses. Population growth and density, coupled with vulnerable infrastructure, have contributed to these increased losses. We can reduce these devastating impacts by building a **Weather-Ready Nation**.



The reality of our increased vulnerability to extreme weather is most vivid for Americans like Barbara A. Bryant. Barbara sits with the few possessions she and her family were able to rescue from her demolished home after a devastating EF-5 tornado hit Joplin, Mo., on May 22, 2011. (Photo credit: FEMA)

NOAA National Weather Service Joplin Tornado Path of Destruction

Sunday, May 22, 2011, an EF-5 tornado with multiple vortex tore through Joplin, Mo., with 200 mph winds, leaving almost 160 people dead. The tornado is the deadliest since modern record keeping began.

