NY EDEN Mission

To link researchers, extension educators, emergency managers, and community officials to enhance resilience and reduce the impact of disasters in New York communities.

In New York State, we rely upon the national EDEN as a platform upon which to build a highly effective and visible state program. In that sense, we work with our state agencies closely not only in preparedness, but in all phases of the disaster cycle as a trusted partner. Thanks to the national EDEN, we can confidently say that we have the very best science from the best universities in the country behind us, and we are ready to serve the public at all times. This we feel is in keeping with the land grant mission and vision, and is actually a way of reacquainting a whole new generation with the land grant idea and the idea of cooperative extension.

ALL PHASES OF DISASTER

Our role is to work at all times with preparedness. Readiness and resilience are baseline competencies that NY EDEN is always focused upon. We anticipate needs based on past experiences and future threats, and we either develop our own materials or publicize excellent materials from other land grant universities via our website and webinars, social media, and through traditional county cooperative extension channels. As a threat, hazard, or vulnerability emerges, we assess it, develop tailored materials to address it, and act upon it, using our cooperative extension networks and the networks of our partners to disseminate preparedness and readiness educational materials. Once a threat or hazard materializes, we then take on additional roles to compliment other state and federal efforts to prepare for and respond to an imminent event. This role takes time to develop, but each time our partners see what we as a state extension system are capable of, they put more and more faith and trust in our capacity to assist in all phases of the disaster cycle.

What’s in it for you?

- Tips on family and home preparedness, informed by the latest science and research.
- Updates and warnings regarding severe weather and emergencies.
- Evidence-based guidance on response and recovery after a disaster.
- Training for increasing resilience to disaster and emergencies.
- Access to a national network of top universities and experts.
Extension & Disaster?

"Extension plays a significant role in enabling families, communities, and businesses to access resources and education. Effective Extension has the capacity to reduce the impact of disasters in rural communities. When Extension agents are closely aligned with the state’s disaster response team, communications flow more quickly to affected individuals." — Franklin E. Boteler, Deputy Administrator, Economic and Community Systems, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

The Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) is a national network of land-grant universities that links Extension educators from across the U.S. and various disciplines, enabling them to use and share resources to reduce the impact of disasters. From food safety to field safety, from physical to psychological, and from government to community development, EDEN has resources you can use.

New York State’s EDEN, affiliated with both the national USDA EDEN network and with Cornell University Cooperative Extension, works to link the emergency preparedness resources of New York State associations with the community networking and outreach capabilities of Cornell Cooperative Extension. The New York Extension Disaster Education Network (NY EDEN) is a collaborative effort of Cornell Cooperative Extension and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. The goals of NY EDEN are to:

- Disseminate educational materials relating to emergency preparedness and recovery in order to reduce the impact on individuals.
- Provide emergency preparedness training and resources for CEs.
- Assist CE associations in establishing partnerships and plans to operate Extension emergency training and resources for CEs.
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- Develop and communicate in order to reduce the impact on individuals.

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