

For Teachers, Parents and Guardians



Welcome to the “My Safe Yard” coloring book, which is part of FEMA’s “Safer Communities” coloring book series!

We created this coloring book to help you and your young students learn how to make your yard and community safer.

Severe wind and flooding can damage the items in your yard and move them around during a storm. It’s important to secure larger items in your yard by attaching or securing them to larger, heavier structures. Smaller items can be brought inside so they do not damage your home.

This book includes several pages for coloring and learning, as well as directions for activities that can be done with an adult. At the end of the book, make it a family activity and create Storm Superhero masks. Share your kid’s creations with us at **@FEMA** on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. We hope you and the young people in your life enjoy the coloring book.

For more information about other ways to reduce your risk, go to: <https://www.FEMA.gov>

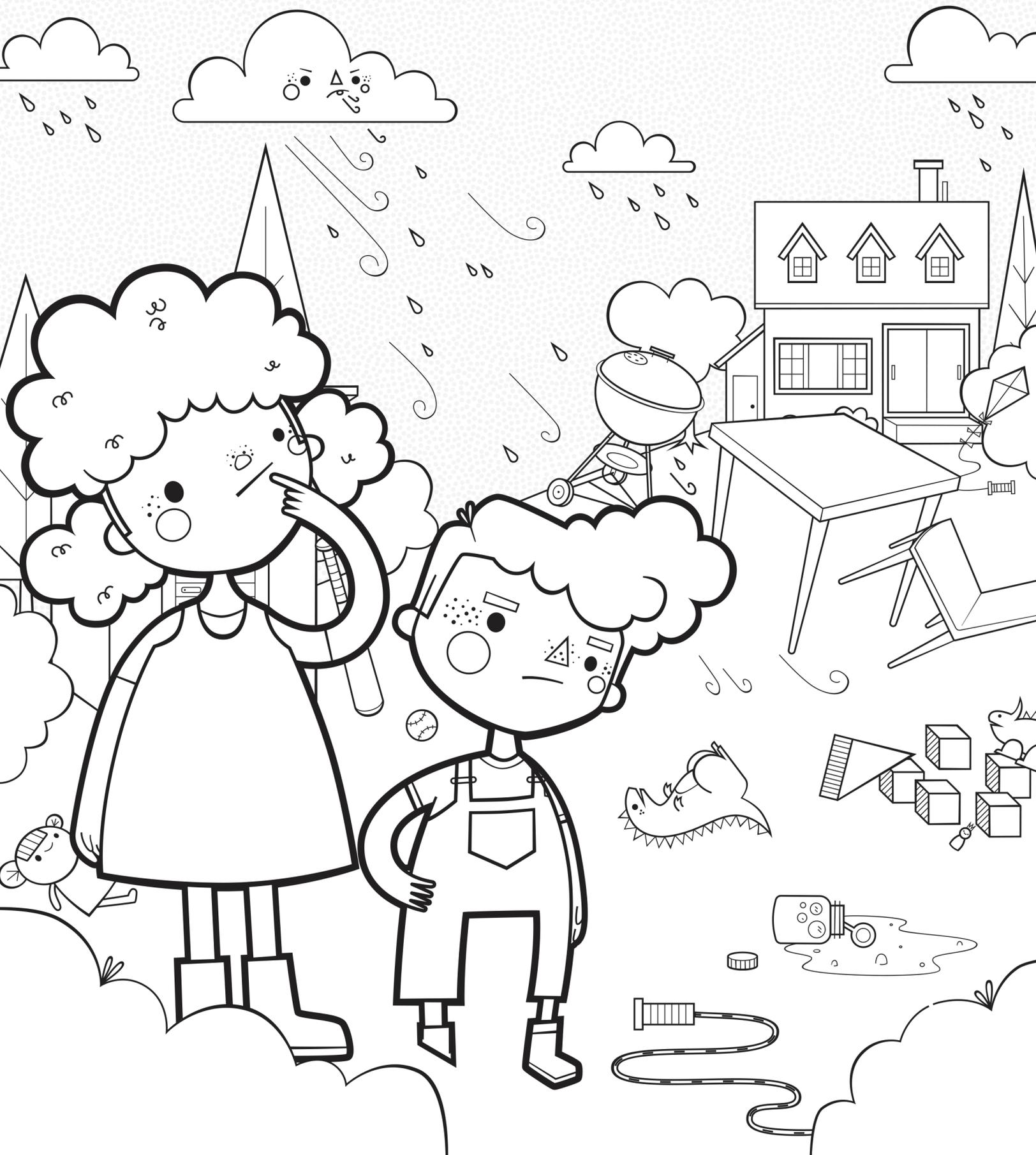
Specific flood- and severe wind-related reading can be found at: <http://go.usa.gov/xFNPC>

The “Safer Communities” coloring book series can be found here: <https://go.usa.gov/xFNRz>

They're calling for rain even though it's clear,
I'll jump into action, there's no need to fear!



I know what strong winds and water can do,
They can carry our loose things out of view.



Like a superhero in the backyard,
Putting away chairs, grills and toys is not hard.



Picking up things that are lying around,
It is my job to get them off the ground.



Now, when the storm is swirling around,
My family and I are safe and sound.



Glossary



Action

moving with a lot of energy



Loose

not fastened or tied down tightly



Storm

a weather event with strong winds and usually rain, thunder, lightning or snow



Superhero

a person that others look up to for being brave



Swirling

to move by spinning around



View

being able to see something

Activity

A Storm Superhero's Yard Safety Plan

Did you know there are some things you can do in your backyard to make it safer before a storm? Yep, that's right. You can make a difference by strapping on a Storm Superhero Mask and springing into action.

Things you'll need:

- a pencil
- crayons
- scissors
- yarn/string

1. The first thing you will want to do is create your superhero safety mask and badge.
2. Have an adult help you cut the mask out and tie a piece of yarn on either side.
3. Next, have them tie the mask around your head. Make sure you can see through the holes.
4. Then go out in your backyard and look for things that are loose, or not secured. Find things that can blow away in the wind or be moved by a lot of water. They can damage your house or yard if they are not secured tightly.
5. Use the list below to write down or draw the things to bring into the house or secure outside so they won't move during a storm.
6. Show an adult your list. They will be able to secure bigger items and you can help take smaller items inside.
7. Finally, practice picking up the things you need to take inside or put away before a storm.

Take These Things Inside	Secure These Things Outside

Congratulations!

You have just created a Safety Plan for your backyard and are now a Storm Superhero!

Activity

Color Your Own Mask and Badge

Things you'll need:

· crayons or markers

· scissors

1. Color in the mask.
2. Ask an adult to help cut out your new mask and badge.
3. Go be a storm safety superhero!





For more “Safer Communities” coloring books, check out:

<https://go.usa.gov/xFNRz>



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