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## Is climate change causing all this crazy weather?

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### The New Normal? Drought, Fire and “Derecho” Storms

This summer, many of us have endured freak storms, watched millions of acres lost to wildfires, and endured miserable heat waves. We're measuring the effects of climate change in billions of dollars of property damage, illness, injury and death. As climate change and resulting warmer temperatures feed extreme weather, we see that not only is it urgent that the [Environmental Protection Agency continue cutting carbon emissions](#), but it's time for the rest of us to prepare to ride out the storm.

[Read more and watch the video.](#)

# UPDATE

### TAKE ACTION NOW

#### This is Not a Test: Preparing for Climate Change Now

As we become all too accustomed to hearing the ominous tones of weather warnings, it's time to expand our emergency plans to reflect the most immediate risks from climate change. Even as we continue improving emissions standards, we now also need to develop comprehensive extreme heat warning systems and revise flood risk maps to reflect what climate scientists tell us lies ahead.

[Find out how your state is preparing for climate change related drought and flooding.](#)

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#### Tell Trader Joe's to Go All the Way

Factory farms use enormous quantities of antibiotics to help animals grow faster and endure crowded, filthy and stressful conditions. This breeds antibiotic-resistant bacteria like MRSA, one "superbug" that is estimated to kill more people annually than HIV/AIDS. Trader Joe's is almost there: it already offers one of the biggest selections of meat raised without antibiotics.



## One Step Closer to Regulating Toxic Chemicals

No one wants toxic chemicals in their furniture, cleaning products, household cleaners and electronics--and definitely not in their kids' toys. Thanks to public demand and NRDC's efforts, last week the Safe Chemicals Act moved out of committee in the Senate.

Outside the Beltway, restricting dangerous chemicals is a bi-partisan issue. A new national poll shows that 68 percent of respondents think the threat posed to people's health by exposure to toxic chemicals is serious and support stricter regulations of chemicals used and produced in the United States.

[Majority of Americans want stricter chemical regulations.](#)

[Senate committee passes Safe Chemicals Act, with a party-line vote.](#)

[Sign our petition by August 10, and ask Trader Joe's to go all the way and commit to selling only meat and poultry raised without antibiotics.](#)

## FROM OUR BLOGS



**Frances Beinecke,  
President**

## Storm Battered U.S. Shows the Destructive Power of Climate Change

June's powerful string of thunderstorms--called a "derecho"--left a wake of destruction from Indiana to Delaware, killing 23 people and leaving 2.5 million without power. Severe storms flooded parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin, while most of the Midwest is suffering through the worst drought in half a century. We can defuse this extreme weather by reducing the carbon pollution that causes climate change.

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