

# Disaster Recovery

*Ashfall from a volcanic eruption blankets a community with a meter of ash. Luckily, the entire population evacuated safely before the eruption. Now the returning citizens are faced with a huge ash-covered problem.*

## Procedure

- 1. Collaborate** How can the citizens rebuild their community?  
Work with a group of three other students to solve this problem.  
Record your group's ideas here.

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- 2. Communicate** Brainstorm the steps necessary to get the community running again. Consider cleanup, reconstruction, restarting schools and businesses, getting electricity back on, finding funds, and so on. Describe the order in which everything must be done.

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- 3. Classify** Determine whether each project will require government assistance and funding or private assistance and funding. Assign each project to the correct individual, group, or agency.

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## Conclusion

Write the answers to the questions below.

- 1. Communicate** On a separate sheet of paper, create a flow chart to display the steps that will restore the community. Branch the chart to divide public and private projects. Decide who is responsible for completing each task.
- 2. Communicate** Beneath your flow chart, write a brief article for the local newspaper that explains the plan to residents.

## Investigate More!

**Solve a Problem** Research to learn how a community rebuilt after the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens in Washington. Hold a mock community meeting discussing your plan. Answer questions about it from “residents.”

