

Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Illinois: February 28 - March 4

Missouri: March 7-11

Monday: Multiple Ways to Get Warnings



Facebook: Severe weather warnings require immediate action, so receiving warnings quickly is important. How do you receive severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings when every moment counts?

- Local TV and Radio
- Internet: weather.gov and following yours truly
- Wireless emergency alerts and other weather apps on your smartphone
- NOAA Weather Radio
- Outdoor Sirens when you are outside in the park or yard
- Word of mouth through friends, family, and coworkers

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Tuesday: Tornado Safety



Facebook: Tornadoes are extremely dangerous. The best way you can protect yourself from tornadoes is to have an emergency plan ready to go. Know how you'll receive your warning, what you'll bring, where you'll go, and how you'll know it's safe to leave your safe space. Our hot tips? Have a "go box" stored in your safe space with things you'll need and bring something to do to pass the time in your safe space.

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Wednesday: Lightning Safety

A poster for lightning safety. The background is a dark, stormy sky with a bright yellow lightning bolt striking down. The left side of the poster is a solid yellow triangle. The text is in white and black. In the bottom right corner, there are two circular logos: the NOAA logo and a purple circle with a yellow lightning bolt. Below the logos is the text "weather.gov/lightning".

**See a Flash,
Dash Inside!**

STOP all activities

Seek shelter in a building or
hard-topped vehicle

Wait 30 minutes after the storm to
resume activities

 
weather.gov/lightning

Facebook: Did you know that if you can hear thunder you're close enough to be struck by lightning? It doesn't matter if you've counted and the thunderstorm is still five miles away, you can still be struck by lightning if you're outside. The best action to take is "see a flash, dash inside!" or "when thunder roars, go indoors!"

Twitter: It doesn't matter if you've counted & the thunderstorm is still 5 miles away, you can still be struck by lightning if you're outside and hear thunder. Take action: when thunder roars, go indoors. #MOwx #ILwx #SevereWeatherPreparednessWeek

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Thursday: Hail and Wind Safety



DID YOU KNOW?

A 3" hailstone can fall to the ground as fast as 107 mph!

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Facebook: Hail can range in size from peas up to 4.5 inches and larger. Hail can injure people and damage property when it is an inch in diameter or larger, which is why one of the criteria for a severe thunderstorm warning is hail 1 inch or larger. The best way to stay safe from hail? Go inside a sturdy, four walled structure when your area is under a severe thunderstorm warning.

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Your Safe Place from Extreme Wind

During high winds, tree damage is expected. You are safest indoors, away from windows, in an interior room. Prevent damage to your property by trimming loose branches and parking away from trees.

weather.gov 

Facebook: Severe winds are winds exceeding 58 mph and can cause damage to trees and buildings. You and your property can be at risk of damage from not only the wind but debris flying around in the wind. Prevent damage to your property by trimming loose branches and parking away from trees when possible. During severe thunderstorms you're safest indoors, away from windows.

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Friday: Flood Safety

FLOOD WATERS AND VEHICLES

MOST PEOPLE EXPECT BATH TOYS TO FLOAT.

THEY DON'T EXPECT THEIR CARS TO FLOAT.

IT ONLY TAKES 12-18" OF WATER FOR CARS, TRUCKS, AND SUVs TO FLOAT.

TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!

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WEATHER.COV/LSX @NWSSTLOUIS

Facebook: Picture this: It's a Thursday afternoon and you're coming home from a long day. You come up on a road that you drive on every day and there's water over the roadway. The water stretches at least six feet out in front of you. All you want to do is go home, what do you do? Rather than driving through the water just to get home faster, you should turn around and take an alternate route. You do not know how deep or swift that water is.

Twitter: It only takes 12" of moving water to sweep away most cars. There is no way of knowing how deep the water over the road is when you drive up to it, or if the road is even still there.
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