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SEVERE WEATHER

What You Can Do Before Severe Weather Strikes:

- Develop a plan for you and your family at home, work, when outdoors.
- Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone and battery back-up to receive warnings.
- Have a flash light with extra batteries.
- Keep canned goods and Water on hand in a safe place where your shelter is located. Also have a spare set of clothes.
- Listen to radio and television for weather information.
- Check the weather forecast before leaving for extended periods outdoors. Watch for signs of approaching storms.

What You Can Do When Threatening Weather Approaches:

- Postpone outdoor activities if Thunderstorms are imminent.
- Move inside to a sturdy building preferably underground shelter. If underground shelter is not available move to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor. Stay away from any windows or glass objects.
- Do not take a bath or shower during a thunderstorm.
- Turn off air conditioners. Power surges from lighting can cause serious damage.

TORNADO INFORMATION

TORNADO WATCH

A TORNADO WATCH simply means that conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop. In this case you should take precautions to protect you and your property, and listen to the radio to keep informed.

Tornadoes are most likely to occur in the late afternoon on a hot spring day. However, tornadoes have occurred in every month at all times of the day or night. When a tornado watch is issued, be alert for changes in the weather. And be prepared to act quickly.

TORNADO WARNING

A TORNADO WARNING means that a tornado has actually been sighted. If one is issued for your area, you should seek shelter immediately! There is little time for closing windows or hunting for flashlights. It's a good idea to know where things are, and to have an emergency storm kit already prepared.

FLOOD AWARENESS

Floods are a very real concern in our community. They can overtake an area in a few hours, or they can take days to develop. Make sure that your family is informed and prepared is your best defense against this natural disaster.

Every family should have an emergency plan, yours should include: Assembly a Disaster Supplies Kit containing: first aid

equipment, canned food and a can opener, bottled water, rubber boots and rubber gloves, battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries. Store in a safe and accessible place.

During a Flood: Stay informed by listening to NOAA Weather Radio, or to the radio and TV for the latest flood advisories.

Stay away from floodwater – do not attempt to swim, walk, or drive through. NEVER attempt to drive across flooded roadways, a car can be swept away in just 2 feet of water. If you are outdoors, stay away from rivers and drainage ditches. Head to higher ground, and avoid downed power lines. Be prepared to evacuate your home and put your emergency plan into action. And remember: a Flood WARNING means that flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in your area soon.

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