



This Month:

Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Feb. 6-10, is a dedicated time when all Georgians are encouraged to prepare for unexpected events, practice emergency response procedures for all types of weather and learn more about local threats. During Severe Weather Preparedness Week we encourage everyone to take one simple preparedness step each day. Those small steps add up, and even the simplest of preparations can be of tremendous help when severe weather strikes.

Preparedness Tips

- **Monday, Feb. 6 – Family Preparedness/NOAA Weather Radio Day** – Purchase a life-saving NOAA Weather Radio and choose an out-of-state friend as a “check-in” contact to call if your family gets separated.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 7 – Thunderstorm Safety** – Learn the difference between a thunderstorm watch and a thunderstorm warning.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 8 – Tornado Safety** – Determine in advance where you will take shelter in case of a tornado warning.
- **Thursday, Feb. 9 – Lightning Safety** – Learn the 30/30 rule. Go indoors if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.
- **Friday, Feb. 10 – Flood Safety** – Copy important documents, seal them in a watertight container and add them to your Ready kit.

Monthly Preparedness Challenge

Identify if there is an Emergency Notification System in place where you live and register. Share with your family and friends the importance of being registered for alerts. We also want you to share with your family and friends the link to register in your area, and encourage them to register too.

Remember:
When disaster strikes, the time to prepare has passed.

~ Steven Cyros

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Be a Force of Nature:
Know your risks, and take action!

Upcoming Dates

Feb. 6-10: Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Feb. 8: PrepareAthon! Tornado Drill

Weather Facts

The average Lightning Stroke is 6 miles long.

