

Public Information Statement
National Weather Service Albany NY
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...Severe Weather Awareness Week Begins Today...

April 20 to April 26 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in New York and New England.

In 2024, thunderstorms produced 32 tornadoes in New York, while Massachusetts and Connecticut saw 1 tornado each and Vermont had none. Additionally, thunderstorms caused hundreds of reports of damaging wind across New York and New England and dozens of reports of large hail. Every thunderstorm contains deadly lightning and thunderstorms often produce heavy rainfall responsible for flash floods.

A graphical summary of past severe weather events can be found at:

<https://www.spc.noaa.gov/climo/summary/>

A graphical summary of flood reports can be generated at (limit requests to 5 months or less):

<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/exper/lsr/lsr.php#>

This week we will discuss severe weather terminology and safety. Everyone is urged to be weather ready by learning how to protect themselves from the hazards of flooding, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and lightning.

Monday we review severe weather terms and definitions.

Tuesday the focus is on severe thunderstorms.

Wednesday we turn to severe weather preparedness and safety.

Thursday will feature a study of tornadoes with a review of thunderstorm safety.

Friday is the day to look at the summer flood threat and provide some safety rules.

Finally, on Saturday we will review the key items from this week focusing on preparedness and safety.

Are You Weather Ready? Taking steps now to prepare for severe weather will help you keep safe and enjoy summer. Be smart. Take part. Prepare.

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