

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

April 27 to May 3 is severe weather awareness week in New York...Connecticut...Massachusetts and...Vermont. All residents are urged to be weather ready by protecting themselves from the hazards of flooding...tornadoes severe thunderstorms.

Nationally...on average...severe weather has killed 278 people per year...including 108 from tornadoes...78 from flooding... 45 from wind and 37 from lightning.

Locally...the National Weather Service office in Albany New York issues 153 severe thunderstorm warnings...5 tornado warnings...and 33 flash flood warnings per year.

Each day this week we will explore actions to take during severe weather to reduce the risk of death...injury and property loss to you and your loved ones.

Monday we review **severe weather terms and definitions**.

Tuesday the focus is on **severe thunderstorms**.

Wednesday we turn to **severe weather preparedness and safety**. Wednesday April 30 is America's preparation. Be smart. Take part. Prepare.

Thursday will feature a study **of tornadoes with a review of thunderstorm safety**. On Thursday afternoon at 1:15 pm we will conduct our severe weather communication drill.

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 once again focusing on **preparedness and safety**.

Taking steps now to prepare for severe weather will help you keep safe and enjoy summer.

For more information on severe weather awareness week...go to our web site www.weather.gov. Then click on eastern New York or western New England. Finally...select our severe weather awareness link.