



StormReady Hospital Checklist

At a minimum, a StormReady Hospital shall be required to have the following:

- Written severe weather plan encompassing all components of their operation as applicable (ambulance, clinics, maintenance/support, etc.)
- Tornado drills at least once per year
- Staff and volunteer training on lightning and severe weather hazards
- Staff and volunteer training on the severe weather plan
- Redundant means of monitoring the weather (NOAA Weather Radio, Alert Iowa, text alert, radio, etc.)
- Redundant dissemination method(s) (PA system, radios, megaphone, social media, etc.)
- Communication strategy in case power is lost
- Designated shelter areas
- Designated Weather Watcher (someone designated to monitor conditions and activate the severe weather plan)
- Endorsement by local emergency management officials

How to Become StormReady®

Three easy steps to recognition as StormReady in the NWS Quad Cities' area of responsibility:

1. Contact donna.dubberke@noaa.gov
2. Review the StormReady guidelines listed above and improve your severe weather plan and operations as needed.
3. Fill out the form and submit it to donna.dubberke@noaa.gov. Please include a copy of the severe weather portion of your emergency plan.

StormReady Supporter Form:

www.weather.gov/media/dvn/StormReady/StormReady_Supporter_Application_fillable.pdf

What happens next?

- Your application will be reviewed by the Tri-State StormReady Advisory Board.
- They may ask for clarifications or note areas of concern throughout the process.
- When it appears that the guidelines have been met, the Board will contact you to arrange a verification visit.
- Following the verification visit, the Board will vote to approve the application.
- If additional improvements are needed, the Board will notify you and provide additional guidance as appropriate.
- Once the application has been approved, arrange an optional recognition ceremony.