

National Weather Service



Severe Weather Preparedness Week

HAZARD OUTLOOKS - GET READY

Long before any warnings are issued, National Weather Service offices provide up to a week's notice of potential severe weather. Likewise, our media partners, public officials and response agencies, begin preparations long before storms cause damage. Here's a list of Weather Ready Nation preparatory actions taken long before hazards threaten...

- **You. Be Weather Ready. Know Your Risk.**
 - Develop a plan. Encourage others to develop a plan
 - Assemble a Disaster Supply Kit and Pet Kit, review safety plans
 - Check your NOAA All Hazards radio for fresh batteries and operation

- **National Weather Service**
 - Issues Hazard Outlooks, identifying weather or flood risks out 7-14 days

- **Indiana Department of Homeland Security**
 - Monitors NWS Outlooks to determine need for coordination
 - Promotes personal emergency preparedness - *Make a Plan*
 - Develops preparedness plans in coordination with local officials

- **The American Red Cross**
 - "Be Red Cross Ready" Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Be Informed
 - Alerts trained disaster volunteers to be prepared for possible response
 - Checks inventory of disaster relief supplies

- **Schools, Local Safety Officials and Responders**
 - Monitors NWS Outlooks to determine need for hazard preparations
 - Check staffing and supplies for adequacy

- **The Media**
 - Local TV meteorologists begin broadcasting concerns for severe weather threats up to a week in advance



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WATCHES - GET SET

Watches for severe weather are your signal to **get set** or ready to take safe action. For thunderstorms, the National Weather Service typically issues watches several hours before damaging weather occurs. Our partners in the Watch process also take further preparation steps. Here is a list of actions everyone should take. This is one of the response components of a Weather Ready Nation. Watch us...

- You...Be a Force of Nature. Get Weather Ready.
 - Take Action: watch the sky, weather radar and other information on TV, radio, social media sources on the internet or other electronic devices
 - Review safety action plans, inform others of a weather threat
 - Reset your NOAA All Hazards radio to receive Warnings
 - Pets can sense bad weather. Watch them for unusual behavior

- The National Weather Service...
 - Issues a Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Watch, activating NOAA radio and the Emergency Alert System for counties within the Watch area
 - Increases staffing and alerts Skywarn spotters for potential deployment

- Indiana Department of Homeland Security...
 - Monitors NWS Watches and places staff on activation readiness

- The American Red Cross...
 - Advises Red Cross Staff that a Watch has been issued

- Schools, Local Officials and Responders...
 - Advises staff, heighten readiness plans

- The Media...
 - Live broadcast of the Weather Watch...crawl text messages on TV
 - Increase meteorologist and reporter staffing
 - Dispatch news crews to active weather areas



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Red Cross**

