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Wisconsin Emergency Management becomes a National Weather Service StormReady site

National Weather Service officials have recognized Wisconsin Emergency Management as a StormReady® site. The [StormReady](#) program helps community leaders and residents better prepare for hazardous weather and flooding. StormReady sites have made a strong commitment to implement the infrastructure and systems needed to save lives and protect property when severe weather strikes.

“Wisconsin can experience severe weather any time of year and Wisconsin Emergency Management has taken a proactive approach to being prepared both at their facility and throughout the state. The Ready Wisconsin web site is one of the best resources for residents in Wisconsin to use for being prepared for severe weather. They have taken numerous steps to make sure that not only are the people in their own facilities safe when severe weather hits, but also that people across the state are aware of the conditions,” said Tim Halbach, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Milwaukee.

“Wisconsin Emergency Management is pleased to be the first state emergency management agency in the nation to become StormReady. We enjoy a great partnership with the National Weather Service not only for the response to severe weather events, but also from working hand-to-hand in promoting emergency preparedness,” said Brian Satula, Administrator for Wisconsin Emergency Management.

The nationwide community preparedness program, founded in 1999, is a grassroots approach to preparing for natural hazards. Today, more than 2,350 U.S. communities are better prepared for severe weather through the StormReady program.

To be recognized as StormReady, a site must maintain a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center; have more than one way to receive National Weather Service warnings and to alert the public; be able to monitor local weather and flood conditions; conduct community preparedness programs; and ensure hazardous weather and flooding are addressed in formal emergency management plans, which include training [SKYWARN](#)® weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

The StormReady program is part of the National Weather Service's working partnership with the [International Association of Emergency Managers](#) and the [National Emergency Management Association](#). The StormReady recognition is valid for three years and can be renewed.

[The National Weather Service's Milwaukee Forecast Office](#), located in Sullivan, Wis., is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for about 3 million people in 20 counties across south central, east central and southeast Wisconsin. Join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Working with partners, the [National Weather Service](#) is building a [Weather-Ready Nation](#) to support community resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather.

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