

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

April 29 to May 5 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont. Everyone is urged to be weather ready by protecting themselves from the hazards of flooding, tornadoes and severe thunderstorms.

Nationally, on average, severe weather kills 193 people per year, including 105 from tornadoes, 91 from flooding, 57 from wind and 30 from lightning. Severe weather happens locally. The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Albany New York issues 138 severe thunderstorm warnings, 5 tornado warnings and 26 flash flood warnings per year.

Each day this week we will explore actions to take to reduce the risk of death, injury and property loss from severe weather.

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. 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 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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