

Severe Weather



Awareness Week

Missouri Severe Weather Awareness Week 2018

March 4 - 10, 2018

Missouri Statewide Severe Weather Drill 2018: Tuesday, March 6, 10:00 am.

The National Weather Service (NWS), the Missouri Department of Public Safety, and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) have declared the week of March 4 - 10, 2017 as Severe Weather Awareness Week for Missouri. The goal of the week is quite simple: SAVE LIVES. The best way to do this is by being prepared. Everyone should have a basic knowledge of severe weather safety rules and have a severe weather plan in place. Knowing what actions to take when severe weather threatens can be the difference between life and death. A good time for all Missouri citizens to practice their severe weather plans will be during the Annual Missouri Severe Weather Drill, which will be held Tuesday, March 6, at 10:00 am.

The National Weather Service will make every effort to hold the drill on Tuesday, March 6. Clouds, rain or snow will not be enough to cancel, unless it is a major storm. If needed, Thursday, March 8, will be the backup day, also at 10:00 am.

All NWS offices serving Missouri will issue a live Tornado Warning for the drill. The FCC has granted a waiver to the State to use the live Tornado Warning code: **TOR**. Many warning systems will activate for the drill.

1. NOAA Weather Radio receivers set to receive the **TOR** code will activate.
2. The National Emergency Alert System will be activated at the discretion of the local media stations.
3. Outdoor warning siren systems will be activated at the discretion of local authorities.
4. The Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) service for cellular telephones **WILL NOT** activate.

Everyone is encouraged to take part in the drill at the appointed time. However, if the day or time does not work, conduct a drill at a time that is best for you.

For more information visit: <http://weather.gov/stlouis/severeweek>

Information on severe weather safety is available from all National Weather Service offices serving Missouri. Following are public telephone numbers and Internet addresses for those offices.

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| St. Louis, MO http://weather.gov/stlouis | 636-441-8467 |
| Kansas City/Pleasant Hill, MO http://weather.gov/kansascity | 816-540-6021 |
| Springfield, MO http://weather.gov/springfield | 417-869-4491 |
| Paducah, KY http://weather.gov/paducah | 502-744-6440 |
| Memphis, TN http://weather.gov/memphis | 901-544-0399 |
| Davenport, IA http://weather.gov/davenport | 563-386-3976 |