

Nebraska and Iowa Severe Weather Awareness Week

March 25-29, 2024

Tornado Drill: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 10:00 AM CDT

Find our 2024 Severe Weather Awareness Week Page here:

www.weather.gov/oax/severe

Each day throughout the week of Severe Weather Awareness Week will have a theme (see graphic below). The NWS will be pushing out several social media posts each day regarding the theme for the day.

NEBRASKA & IOWA MARCH 25-29, 2024
SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

LIGHTNING SAFETY
MONDAY
03.25

TORNADO SAFETY
TUESDAY
03.26

PREPAREDNESS
WEDNESDAY
03.27

HAIL & WIND SAFETY
THURSDAY
03.28

FLOOD SAFETY
FRIDAY
03.29

TORNADO DRILL
WEDNESDAY MARCH 27TH
10 AM CDT/9 AM MDT

The National Weather Service will conduct a Tornado Drill Wednesday, March 27th at 10 AM CDT/9 AM MDT through NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio. Local officials may also sound their warning sirens. This is a great opportunity for everyone to practice their severe weather safety plans!

National Weather Service NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards warning alarm system is in support of the **Tornado Drill** for 2024 Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa and Nebraska.

Test Tornado Drill Details:

- Drill begins at 10:00 AM CDT, Wednesday, March 27.
- NWS will send a scripted message to NOAA Weather Radio at that time. The NOAA Weather Radio alarm (will be identified as Routine Weekly Test on receivers) will be the initiation of the test warning period. This will replace the normal Routine Weekly Test normally conducted at 11:00 AM CDT each Wednesday.

- There will be no "hard copy" of a warning. Nothing will come across LETS. Standard media outlets won't broadcast anything (like a crawl on TV, etc.). And nothing will be posted on our website (or any other one). We may do a social media post as part of the drill period.
- NWS offices will announce a short NAWAS message...and likely put a brief statement in NWSChat (Slack).
- No "test" watch.
- No "ending" statement. It just ends/times out after 5 to 15 minutes.
- We encourage community participation in readiness for the upcoming severe weather season.
- As part of this week's *special* test tornado drill, dispatchers are encouraged to fan-out this message to test emergency communication capabilities and local spotting activation procedures.
- All schools, businesses, hospitals, law enforcement, and other agencies are urged to test severe weather emergency communications, and sheltering plans.

For Severe Weather Awareness Week related questions, please contact Becky Kern at rebecca.kern@noaa.gov