

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS www.severeweather.state.mn.us

Severe weather comes in many forms in Minnesota. Thunderstorms, hail, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding can begin in the spring and take place well into the fall. Knowing what to expect and how to respond can make the difference between life and death.

Be prepared for the dangerous weather that comes with our change of seasons. It's time to remember that it can happen to you – and your survival may depend on understanding weather threats and being ready for them.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management sponsors a Severe Weather Awareness website at www.severeweather.state.mn.us. **Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 11 - 15, 2011.** Presented on the website, the following topics will help citizens prepare for the dangers of Minnesota's weather extremes. The website also provides links to safety information and learning activities for families, schools and work places.

Daily topics include: Monday - Thunderstorms, Hail, Straight-Line Winds, Lightening
Tuesday - Severe Weather Warnings
Wednesday - Floods, Flash Floods
Thursday - Tomado Drill Day
Friday - Heat

Additionally, in conjunction with the annual Severe Weather Awareness Week, the annual Statewide Tornado Drill will take place on Thursday, April 14, 2011; and sirens will sound in Carlton County at 1:45 pm. Everyone should take a moment and review their personal circumstances and formulate a plan so they're ready to move quickly when the time comes, as there is no county in Minnesota that has been spared a weather disaster. Online information at: http://www.severeweather.state.mn.us/SWAW_TornadoDrillDay.asp

Let's be sure our people stay safe.

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