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OEM Encourages Greene County Citizens to Participate during Severe Weather Awareness Week

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri – The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) urges residents of Greene County to practice severe weather preparedness techniques and to learn how to protect themselves during this year’s Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 4-8.

“Actively practicing severe weather and disaster preparedness efforts helps to better disaster resiliency in the community,” said OEM Director Larry Woods. “We experience many severe weather hazards here in Greene County. We encourage everyone to have plans in place to keep themselves and their families safe.”

Throughout the week, OEM will be sharing severe weather safety tips and resources via their social media channels.

In coordination with Severe Weather Awareness Week, the annual statewide tornado drill will be held on March 5 at 10:00am. OEM will activate the outdoor warning sirens in Greene County. This will replace the regularly scheduled monthly siren test in March. In case of inclement weather, the tornado drill will be moved to Thursday, March 7 at 10:00am.

Daily severe weather safety highlights throughout Severe Weather Awareness Week include:

- Monday, March 4 – Receiving Weather Information
- Tuesday, March 5 - Tornado Safety, Statewide Tornado Drill
- Wednesday, March 6 - Lightning Safety
- Thursday, March 7 – Hail & Wind Day
- Friday, March 8 – Flood Safety

“We are no stranger to severe weather here in Greene County. Severe Weather Awareness Week provides a great opportunity to learn how to protect yourself against common hazards such as tornadoes, floods and severe thunderstorms, which all help in increasing the community’s level of preparedness.” said Woods.

As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, OEM will participate in the Severe Weather Awareness Expo at the Battlefield Mall on Saturday, March 2 from 11:00am – 2:00pm.

For more information on Severe Weather Awareness Week, visit <https://www.weather.gov/lx/severeweek>.

Follow OEM on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to learn more about severe weather safety tips throughout the week. These resources are also available on OEM’s website at oem.greenecountymo.gov

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