



HAZARD REPORT

SEVERE WEATHER

SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies

04/17/2026 | 0800 hrs Hazard Event #: 26-023

Watches / Warnings / Advisories:

Flood Watch 1800 Friday through 0700 Saturday.

HAZARD	Apr 17
Tornado	Slight
Severe Thunderstorm	Enhanced
Thunderstorm Wind Risk	Enhanced
Hail	Marginal
Lightning	Elevated

DISCUSSION

There is a low chance (20 to 40 percent) of a thunderstorm across southwest Missouri late this morning into the early afternoon hours. Most locations will remain dry with southerly wind gusts around 30 mph.

Thunderstorms are expected Friday evening through early Saturday morning with an enhanced (level 3 of 5) risk of severe thunderstorms along and northwest of the I-44 corridor. Large hail to the size of golf balls, damaging winds of 70-80 mph, and tornadoes will all be a concern, especially in the enhanced risk area. The most prominent/likely hazard for the event looks to be damaging winds.

Thunderstorms should move into southeast Kansas and western Missouri as early as 4-6pm but more likely after 6pm. Storms will then move southeast and reach the I-44 corridor by 9pm-12am. Storms should then move southeast of I-44 after midnight, ending before sunrise Saturday.

Flood watch in effect Friday night. Rainfall amounts of 1-2 inches are likely with a few isolated amounts of 3-4 inches, especially closer to the Truman Lake region.

CITIZEN ACTION STATEMENT

- Have a severe weather shelter plan. Review your emergency kit and identify the closest safe shelter.
- Have a way of receiving severe weather warnings (NOAA Weather Radio, social media, news media, etc.)
- Take shelter when lightning is in the area.
- **“When thunder roars . . . go indoors!”**
- Citizens with outdoor recreational plans along rivers and streams should be alert for the potential for lightning strikes and rapidly rising water levels.

“Turn around . . . don’t drown!”

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Springfield-Greene County EOC: **OpCon Level 4: Monitoring**

*** OEM will continue to monitor this developing weather situation. ***

ONLINE

