

...THIS WEEK IS TORNADO AND SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK...

A TORNADO DRILL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY AFTERNOON...APRIL 22...BETWEEN 1 AND 2 PM. A TEST TORNADO WATCH WILL BE ISSUED AT 1 PM. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN GREEN BAY WILL ISSUE A TEST TORNADO WARNING SHORTLY AFTER 110 PM FOR THE 22 COUNTIES IN NORTHEAST AND NORTH-CENTRAL WISCONSIN.

HERE ARE SOME BASIC TORNADO SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER WHEN SEVERE WEATHER THREATENS...

WHEN A TORNADO IS SPOTTED OR A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED FOR YOUR AREA...THE BEST PLACE TO BE IS BELOW GROUND LEVEL. IN A BASEMENT FIND SOMETHING STURDY TO GET UNDER. IF YOU HAVE NO BASEMENT...GO TO THE LOWEST LEVEL OF YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS AND MOVE TO AN INTERIOR ROOM LIKE A BATHROOM OR CLOSET. PUT AS MANY WALLS BETWEEN YOU AND THE STORM AS POSSIBLE.

AT SCHOOLS...CHILDREN SHOULD BE MOVED INTO INTERIOR AREAS LIKE SMALLER ROOMS...BATHROOMS...OR HALLWAYS. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN NOT TO SELECT HALLWAYS THAT MAY BECOME WIND TUNNELS IF EXTERIOR DOORS ARE BLOWN OFF. AVOID LARGE SPAN ROOMS LIKE GYMNASIUMS...AUDITORIUMS... AND CAFETERIAS.

IF YOU ARE DRIVING AND SPOT A TORNADO...DRIVE AWAY IF YOU CAN CLEARLY MOVE AT A 90 DEGREE ANGLE. IF YOU HAVE NO ESCAPE PATH... LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE FOR A STURDY SHELTER...OR DITCH AS A VERY LAST RESORT. GET AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND PROTECT YOUR HEAD.

MOST IMPORTANTLY...KNOW IN ADVANCE WHEN TORNADOES ARE EXPECTED. MANY LARGE TORNADO OUTBREAKS...LIKE THE SEVERE WEATHER THAT HAS STRUCK THE SOUTHERN STATES OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS...ARE WELL PREDICTED. LISTEN FOR TORNADO WATCHES AND WARNINGS AND BE PREPARED.

ALWAYS MONITOR CURRENT AND FORECAST WEATHER CONDITIONS...AND KEEP UP TO DATE ON THE LATEST SEVERE WEATHER WATCHES AND WARNINGS...BY LISTENING TO NOAA WEATHER RADIO...THE VOICE OF NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SEVERE WEATHER...GO TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE'S WEB SITE AT... WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GRB