National Weather Service

Severe Weather Preparedness Week!!

GET SET - WATCHES

Watches for severe weather are your signal to **get set** or prepared to take safe action. For thunderstorms, the National Weather Service typically issues watches several hours before damaging weather occurs. Our partners in the Watch process also take further preparation steps. Here is a list of actions everyone should take...

- The National Weather Service…
  - Storm Prediction Center provides a Discussion for severe weather potential and follows with a Tornado or Severe Thunderstorm Watch
  - Local Forecast Offices release Watch information to local media via NOAA All-Hazards radio, activating the Emergency Alert System
  - Local Forecast Offices increase staffing, alert Skywarn spotters
- The Media…
  - Carry live break-ins or text crawl messages on TV…announce Watch information on radio
  - Increase meteorologist or reporter staffing
  - Dispatch news crews to active weather areas
- Homeland Security, Highway Departments, Schools…
  - Activate Emergency Operations or place staffing on high level of readiness
  - Alert drivers to weather threat and to monitor radio information
- The American Red Cross...
  - Advise Red Cross staff that a watch has been issued
  - Monitor the situation as it develops
  - For more information, go to www.redcross-indy.org
- You…
  - Assign someone to actively monitor weather outside and weather information sources on the radio, TV, internet or other display device
  - Review safety action plans, inform others of weather threat