National Weather Service

Severe Weather Preparedness Week

PREPAREDNESS IS KEY

This week has been Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Indiana. Preparedness and action are the keys to safety during any kind of hazard. You've learned your role and the role of others before, during, and after a disaster. If you don't take action during warnings, or know the appropriate actions to take, warnings are useless and natural hazards can become natural disasters. The National Weather Service working together with its partners, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, state and county officials, the media, and emergency response organizations, are committed to protecting life and property during all hazards.

The following is a summary of the role each of us plays.

- You…Be a Force of Nature. Be an Example for Others.
  - Plan for and respond to extreme weather events or any hazard
  - Follow assistance from authorities
  - Continue your education and awareness of any type of hazard
  - Don't forget your four legged friends; they also need a disaster kit with water, food and medical supplies
- National Weather Service
  - Issues official watches and warnings
  - Uses the All-Hazards NOAA Radio to issue warnings, activating the Emergency Alert System
  - Provides weather safety training and materials
- Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security; Local Officials; the American Red Cross
  - Prepare for and coordinate response and recovery for disasters
  - Promote Family Disaster Plans and Supplies Kits for all disasters
  - Work with community leaders, businesses, schools and medical facilities to develop and practice safety plans
- News Media
  - Broadcasts NWS watches and warnings
  - Reports from damage areas; provides safety messages during the event
  - Reports on response and recovery efforts
  - Educates people about severe weather and weather safety

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