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## **SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK**

### **APRIL 12-16, 2021**

The State of Wisconsin has declared the week of April 12 – 16, 2021 as “Severe Weather Awareness Week”. This important week is intended to remind people of the potential for severe weather and the need to prepare for what they would do in the event of severe weather. Severe weather in Wisconsin includes thunderstorms, flooding as well as tornadoes.

The 2021 Statewide Tornado Drill is scheduled for Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, however, there will not be any activations of the drills through the NOAA Weather Radio, through break in of radio or television or through cell phone alerts. With the National Weather Service changing how the drill is done, in Fond du Lac County, we will not be sounding the outdoor warning sirens. Outdoor warning sirens are only meant to be a signal to seek information elsewhere when activated. With this drill, there will not be any information available through the other means of notification as to why the sirens are sounding, which could lead to confusion and distrust in the system.

While we are not providing an activation trigger, it does not lessen the importance of being prepared for severe weather. It is recommended on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm and 6:45 pm that everyone reserves 15 minutes to practice your plans for severe weather. This should allow you to practice at work, school and home. You should also ensure you have multiple ways to receive weather notifications such as a NOAA weather radio and phone apps. If severe weather is being forecasted, ensure you are checking weather reports throughout the day to stay prepared. Information on plans and how to prepare for severe weather events can be found at [www.readywisconsin.wi.gov](http://www.readywisconsin.wi.gov).