

Spring Towards Preparedness: Stay Safe from Flooding, Thunderstorms and Lightning

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MADISON, Miss. – Springtime weather brings warmer temperatures and flowers, but also a higher likelihood of severe storms coming through your neighborhood or floodwaters running down your streets.

You can find specific flooding and thunderstorm preparedness activities and information by downloading the [FEMA App](#). The app can give you weather warnings in up to five different locations.

You can also use the app to learn about and practice evacuation routes, emergency sheltering plans, and what to do in a flash flood. The app also has a list of supplies needed in case you must leave your residence immediately or if services are cut off in your area.

To prepare for the upcoming springtime weather, you can visit [Ready.gov/plan](#) and use the “[Make a Plan](#)” form. The form makes it easy to begin a disaster plan for your household, while also being able to save or send a copy to other family members. By making and practicing your emergency plan, you ensure your family knows what to do, where to go, and what is needed to stay safe in a flood.

Preparation does not have to be expensive. To keep costs down you can also build your emergency supply kit over time, starting with items you may already have in your home including a flashlight, extra batteries, copies of important documents, water, and nonperishable food. You can visit [Ready.gov's](#) low and no-cost preparedness webpage with additional cost-saving tips.

To see the specific flood risk of your home, visit the [FEMA Map Service Center](#) and enter your street address to learn more about flood risks in your community. You can also find additional resources about flood maps, flood zones, flood risk and flood insurance.



To learn more about preparing for severe spring weather, visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) or [Listo.gov](https://www.listo.gov).

For the latest information on recovery from the March tornadoes, visit msema.org and www.fema.gov/disaster/4697. On X/Twitter follow MEMA [@MSEMA](https://twitter.com/MSEMA) and FEMA Region 4 [@femaregion4](https://twitter.com/femaregion4).

