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**Wisconsin Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week: April 8th – 12th
Statewide Tornado Drill on April 11th, 2024**

Governor Tony Evers has declared April 8th – 12th Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin. To encourage schools, businesses, and homes to review their tornado sheltering plans, **the statewide tornado drills will take place on April 11th at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.** During the drill times, Wisconsin's National Weather Service offices will also conduct NOAA Weather Radio tests.

2024 Statewide Tornado Drills

Thursday, April 11th at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

The Rock County Outdoor Warning Sirens will be activated for these drills. If there is a threat of severe weather on April 11th, the statewide drills will be postponed until Friday, April 12th. The drills will go on in all other conditions, including non-severe weather (clouds, rain, dark sky, scattered thunderstorms, etc.). If severe weather is also expected on Friday, the drills will be cancelled.

Notification of the drill status will be posted at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov> by 10:00 a.m. on the morning of April 11th.

Stay Safe During Severe Weather *(Source: Ready Wisconsin)*

- Create an emergency plan and practice it.
- Know where designated shelters are located at home, work, and school. Be ready to go there when a tornado warning is issued.
- Have multiple ways to receive alerts about approaching severe weather. Outdoor warning sirens, NOAA Weather Radios, local media, and smart phone apps are all important tools. Don't rely on any single source for important life-saving information.
- If you have a mobile device, make sure it is enabled to receive Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). On many devices, that option is available in the settings menu. Find out more about WEA at <https://readywisconsin.wi.gov/be-informed/be-alert/>.
- Stay "weather aware" by checking the daily forecast for your area.

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