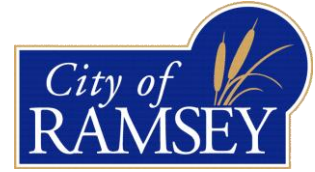




City of Ramsey Emergency Management



Severe Weather Awareness Week

Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 12 - 16, 2021

Are you ready for severe weather? Each year, Homeland Security and Emergency Management in collaboration with the National Weather Service and 16 State and local agencies and organizations sponsors Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota. The week is designed to refresh, remind and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them. It's also a great time to make and practice your emergency plan and build or refresh your emergency preparedness kit.

Statewide Tornado Drills

The most important events during Severe Weather Awareness Week are the two annual statewide tornado drills. **These drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 15 2021 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.** (Counties may choose to opt out of the drills if actual severe weather is possible in the area)

Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA Weather Radios will sound in a simulated tornado warning. The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second shift workers and families.



Severe Weather Hazards Are Real

In the past 10 years, more than 55 people have died and dozens more injured as a result of weather-related events in Minnesota (not including motor vehicles).

The top severe weather hazards in Minnesota are:

- Severe storms, hail and lightning
- Floods
- Tornadoes
- Extreme heat

Why Severe Weather Awareness Week?

According to the National Weather Service, Minnesota experiences an average of 28 tornadoes per year. In 2018, 44 twisters touched down. A record was set in 2010 with 113 tornadoes across the state. Understanding this threat and knowing what to do when a tornado is approaching can save lives.

Take advantage of Severe Weather Awareness Week to review your own and your family's emergency procedures and prepare for weather-related hazards.

Each day of Severe Weather Awareness Week focuses on a different weather hazard. You will receive information each day relating to the topics listed below:

- **Monday — Alerts and Warnings**
- **Tuesday — Storms, Lightning and Hail**
- **Wednesday — Floods**
- **Thursday — Tornadoes (with statewide tornado drills)**
- **Friday — Extreme Heat**

