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Residents Should Prepare for Severe Storms, Possible Tornadoes

PEARL — The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency warns residents to get ready for the threat of a prolonged significant severe weather forecast for Friday through Saturday evening. The storms may begin affecting the western counties of the state by late Friday afternoon.

Meteorologists with the National Weather Service in Jackson say severe thunderstorms and long track tornadoes are possible along with damaging winds and large hail. Flash flooding and frequent cloud to ground lightning are also possible.

“We have had very little severe weather this spring so people may be caught off guard,” said MEMA Director Mike Womack. “Now is the time to think about what you will do if your area is threatened.”

MEMA and the NWS both recommend you take the following steps:

- Check weather radios for working batteries.
- Know your family emergency plan in case a weather warning is issued.
- Check and restock your emergency supply kit in case you are without electricity for an extended period of time.

For details on how to put together an emergency plan and supply kit please visit MEMA’s website at www.msema.org.

The State Emergency Operations Center in Pearl will be monitoring the weather, ready to assist counties if requested. The public is encouraged to follow MEMA on Twitter and Facebook for information updates using the phrase MSEMA.

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