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Severe Weather Expected To Impact Mississippi

PEARL – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is asking residents to prepare for severe storms that are possible for the southern half of the state beginning this afternoon and continuing through the night. Meteorologists with the National Weather Service say the storms will be capable of producing severe thunderstorms with tornadoes, damaging winds and flash flooding.

“It appears some of the worst weather will hit during the night so folks need to be prepared before they go to bed,” said MEMA Director Mike Womack. “Make sure your weather radios have fresh batteries and be prepared to alert friends and family.”

A tornado watch has been issued for 27 counties in south, central and east Mississippi. Heavy rain of two to five inches is possible that could cause flash flooding.

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

- 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 more details on what to do if flooding, severe thunderstorms or tornadoes occur 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 updates.

Media with questions can contact MEMA External Affairs at 866-920-MEMA (6362).

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