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Residents Should Prepare For Possible Severe Weather Across Mississippi

PEARL — The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is asking residents to prepare for the threat of a severe weather outbreak this afternoon through Tuesday morning. Meteorologists with the National Weather Service Office in Jackson are forecasting the potential for flash flooding, high winds and the possibility of tornadoes as a strong cold front will push through the state from west to east beginning later today.

“We are concerned that this weather system will be moving through after the sun goes down and through the night,” said MEMA Director Mike Womack. “Folks will need to stay tuned to local weather broadcasts and hopefully have a NOAA Weather Radio in their home.”

In the event the weather service issues a tornado warning here are some tips to help keep you safe:

- Go to a basement or the lowest level of the building where you are.
- Seek shelter in an interior room or closet.
- If you live in a mobile home or manufactured housing seek shelter in a sturdy site-build structure.
- When traveling in a vehicle do not attempt to outrun the storm. Abandon the vehicle and take shelter in a low lying area or ditch.

The State Emergency Operations Center in Pearl will be monitoring the weather situation and assisting counties if requested. Residents are also encouraged to follow MEMA for updates on Facebook and Twitter using the keyword MSEMA.

For more information on what you should do when severe weather threatens visit us online at www.msema.org, or contact MEMA External Affairs at 866-920-MEMA (6362).

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