



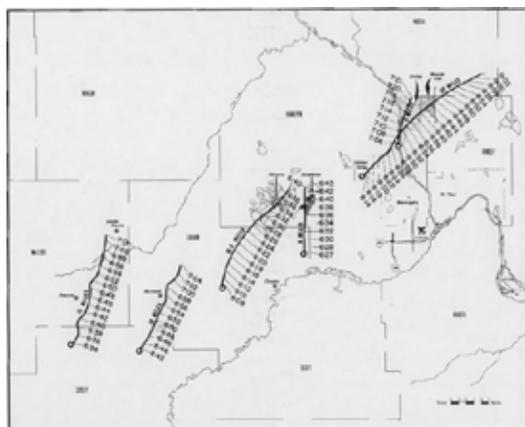
April 21 to 25

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Helping Minneapolis families prepare themselves, their homes and their neighborhoods for emergencies.

Click [here](#) to learn more from **codeReady** about how to get prepared. Then share what you learned with your family and friends.

Every spring in Minnesota brings the possibility of severe weather, including floods, high winds and tornadoes. Most people don't realize that Minneapolis and much of the Twin Cities metro area are actually along the northernmost boundary of what is often referred to as "Tornado Alley." In fact, Minneapolis is often included among the top 10 or 15 cities in the country at greatest risk from tornadoes. In 1965 the Twin Cities metro area had its worst tornadoes in history, according to the National Weather Service in Chanhassen. Five tornadoes swept across the western and northern portions of the seven-county metro area with a sixth tornado just outside. Four of the tornadoes were rated F4, one was an F3, and the other was an F2. Thirteen people were killed and 683 were injured.



1965 tornado tracks through the Twin Cities



Downtown Miami 1997

Tornado safety – what *you* can do before the storm:

Develop [plans for yourself and your family](#) for home, work, [school](#) and outdoors.

- ◆ Have frequent drills.
- ◆ Have an [NOAA Weather Radio](#) with a warning alarm tone and battery backup for tornado warnings.
- ◆ Use a radio or television for information.
- ◆ If planning a trip outdoors, listen to the latest forecasts and take action if threatening weather is possible.

It's up to you!

Each year, many people are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes and severe weather despite advance warning. Some did not hear the warning, while others heard the warning but did not believe a tornado would actually affect them. When you hear a warning or see threatening skies, YOU must make the decision to seek shelter before the storm arrives. It could be the most important decision you will ever make.

YOU can prepare for the possibility of a tornado by learning the safest places to seek shelter when at home, work, school or outdoors. Your chances of staying safe during a tornado are greater if you and your family have a plan and know the plan by practicing it frequently. You should also understand basic weather terms and danger signs related to tornadoes.

In Minneapolis, you can learn what to do to help your family and community after severe weather and other disasters by signing up for Citizen Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training. To learn more about C.E.R.T., contact Susan Ude, C.E.R.T. coordinator, at susan.ude@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or 612-581-9624 or visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/emergency/CERT_Home.asp.



For more information

You should know what actions to take to protect yourself and your family, pets and property against severe weather. Check out these National Weather Service Web sites for valuable information:

- ◆ [Watches/Warnings](#)
- ◆ [NOAA Weather Radio](#)
- ◆ [National Centers for Environmental Prediction](#)
- ◆ [Safe and Well List](#): If you have to evacuate due to a major storm, use this Red Cross list to connect.

Tornadoes

- ◆ [Color brochure – \(PDF – large file\), \(text only\)](#)
- ◆ [Are You Ready for a Tornado?](#)
- ◆ [Highway Overpasses as Tornado Shelters](#)
- ◆ [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- ◆ [Experts answer tornado questions – USA Today](#)
- ◆ [Owlie for Kids: Tornadoes](#)

Thunderstorms and Lightning

- ◆ [Color brochure - pdf](#)
- ◆ [Are You Ready for a Thunderstorm?](#)
- ◆ [Lightning Safety](#)
- ◆ [Owlie for Kids: Lightning](#)

Floods

- ◆ [Turn Around Don't Drown™ Toolbox](#)
- ◆ [Owlie for Kids: Floods](#)

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