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**WISCONSIN'S TORNADO & SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK: APRIL 8 – 12, 2019**

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Governor Evers has declared April 8-12 as Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week. Wisconsin Emergency Management, the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association (WBA) have once again teamed up to sponsor the statewide tornado drills scheduled for Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, a mock tornado watch will be issued at 1:00 p.m. followed by a statewide mock tornado warning at 1:45 p.m. Many radio and TV stations across the state will issue the test tornado warnings. In addition, mock alerts will be issued on NOAA Weather Radios and many communities will sound their tornado sirens to test their emergency severe weather plans. Later, a mock tornado warning will be issued at 6:45 p.m. to give families and second shift workers a chance to practice their emergency plans.

**The Rock County Outdoor Warning Sirens will be activated at 1:45 pm and 6:45 pm for the drill. The tornado drill will take place even if the sky is cloudy, dark or rainy. If severe storms are expected, the tornado drills will be postponed until Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the initial scheduled times. If severe storms are possible Friday, the drills will be cancelled.**

**Any changes will be issued to local media and posted on the Ready Wisconsin website at:**  
<http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.

**Updates will also be posted on:**

Facebook ([www.facebook.com/ReadyWisconsin](http://www.facebook.com/ReadyWisconsin))  
Twitter ([www.twitter.com/ReadyWisconsin](http://www.twitter.com/ReadyWisconsin))  
Instagram ([www.instagram.com/ReadyWisconsin](http://www.instagram.com/ReadyWisconsin))

Information on the different types of severe weather such as tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flooding is available at the following websites:

- <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/sheriff-emergency-management>
- [www.listo.gov](http://www.listo.gov) (Spanish)

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is committed to ensuring the safety of our community. Citizens, schools, businesses and other local Rock County organizations are encouraged to contact the Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management Bureau at 608-758-8440 for literature and presentation requests regarding emergency management, preparedness, emergency planning and severe weather.

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