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SPALDING COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY: 2015 SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

The Spalding County Office of Homeland Security announces that February 1-7, 2015 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Georgia. The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) supports the National Weather Service in observing Severe Weather Awareness Week in Georgia. The goal of the week-long observance is to encourage Georgians to practice emergency preparedness and response procedures for all types of severe weather events that occur in the state.

- Sunday February 1 Family Preparedness
- Monday February 2 NOAA Weather Radios
- Tuesday February 3 Thunderstorm Safety
- Wednesday February 4 Tornado Safety and Statewide Tornado Drill
- Thursday February 5 Lightning Safety
- Friday February 6 Flood Safety
- Saturday February 7 Emergency Volunteering

To help Georgians get started, GEMA hosts a statewide emergency preparedness campaign entitled "Ready Georgia" that offers the necessary tools to make an emergency supply kit, to develop a communications plan and to stay informed about potential threats as they occur. Ready Georgia's interactive website, www.ready.ga.gov, provides detailed information on Georgia-specific emergency preparedness and allows users to create a personal profile and receive a customized checklist and family communications plan.

During winter storms, floods, tornadoes or hurricanes, it may take emergency workers 72 hours or more to reach certain areas, to open roadways and restore utilities. The benefit of being self-sufficient for that 72 hours, or longer, is that residents can survive circumstances that might otherwise be tragic if not prepared.

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