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Severe Weather Awareness Week April 8 – 14, 2018

Springtime in Michigan has many yearning for warmer weather and outdoor activities that it brings such as gardening, boating, golf and baseball. Spring also brings changes in weather patterns and the potential for severe weather to occur.

The state of Michigan has designated April 8-14 as Severe Weather Awareness Week. The Macomb County Office of Emergency Management & Communications urges the community to be prepared for these events.

“Heavy rain and flooding, lightning strikes and even tornadoes are not uncommon in Macomb County,” said Vicki Wolber, department director. “It is important for people to be prepared to take proper steps in the event of a weather emergency. Knowing about emergency alert signals and having a plan of action in place can save lives and reduce property damage.”

There are several systems in place to warn of impending danger. These include outdoor warning sirens, the Emergency Alert System (EAS), television, radio and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather/all hazard alert radios. Many public and private companies also allow for these alerts and warnings to be sent electronically via cell phone to residents. All of these warning systems alert the citizen that there is a possible threat in the area.

In addition to knowing about hazards and warning systems, it is also important to plan ahead to protect family, friends, employees, homes and businesses by creating an emergency plan. A guide developed by the Macomb County Office of Emergency Management & Communications is available to help citizens and businesses be prepared. It includes tips and tools for planning including assembling an emergency supply kit, developing evacuation plans, creating an emergency communications plan and other important activities.

For this and other information, visit oemc.macombgov.org/ or call 586-469-5270.