

ARE YOU RED STICK READY

for Severe Weather?

*Severe Weather can include flash flooding, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, high winds etc. Many steps can be taken to minimize the impacts of severe weather to ensure you are **Red Stick Ready!***

BEFORE SEVERE WEATHER:

- Know the signs and terminology of a severe weather threat.
 - **Watch:** Issued when conditions are favorable for a particular severe weather hazard within the next several hours.
 - **Warning:** Issued when a particular severe weather hazard is imminent or occurring. Take immediate action to protect life and property.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions!
- Create a family emergency communication plan to include important phone numbers.
- Build a disaster supply kit to include but not limited to a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid kit, medications, and your important documents.
- Inspect your home for potential hazards such as weakened trees or limbs, damaged windows or worn roofing.

DURING SEVERE WEATHER:

- Get inside. Stay away from corners, windows, doors and avoid taking shelter in cars and mobile homes.
- Pull over if you are driving in dangerous conditions.
- Listen to local officials for updates and instructions.
- Use the BuddySystem™ to check on your neighbors, friends, and family.
- Stay informed with real time information by:
 - Monitoring your local weather radio and TV stations.
 - Follow Red Stick Ready on Facebook and Twitter.
 - Download the free Red Stick Ready app on your smartphone.

AFTER SEVERE WEATHER:

- Listen to your local authorities for all clear signs and updated information.
- Check-in with family and friends.
- Watch out for debris and downed power lines.
- Document damages and notify your insurance provider.
- Be cautious while cleaning up debris and wear protective gear.

For more information contact MOHSEP at (225) 389-2100, follow us @RedStickReady on Facebook and Twitter, and download the Red Stick Ready mobile application - free on Apple and Android devices by searching "Red Stick Ready".

