



# Southwest Sector EMAO

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## Get Ready, Southwest Ohio! Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 19-25, 2023

There have been multiple confirmed tornadoes in Southwest Ohio the past several weeks highlighting the need to be prepared for severe weather. In Ohio, Severe Weather Awareness week is March 19-25, 2023. Local emergency management agencies are reaching out to promote preparedness actions in their communities. There are three quick and easy actions residents can take to ensure they are prepared.

1. **Stay Informed:** Make sure you have multiple ways to receive alerts such as a NOAA weather radio, signing up for local/county emergency alerting systems, and tuning in to local media reports. As a reminder, outdoor warning sirens are meant to alert people in open outside areas and should **NOT** be relied upon to provide sufficient warning **INDOORS** or in **NOISY AREAS**.
2. **Build a Kit:** Build an emergency preparedness kit with disaster items like water, nonperishable food, and a flashlight.
3. **Make a Plan:** Discuss and document what your family would do during a disaster including how you would communicate and where you would go.

When severe weather is imminent, residents should **TAKE COVER** indoors, **TUNE IN** to local media for information, and **TAKE ACTION** to stay safe.

The State of Ohio is conducting a statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 9:50 a.m. As multiple counties test their outdoor warning sirens on a different schedule, several counties will **NOT** activate their outdoor warning sirens during this drill to avoid confusion. Counties **NOT** activating their outdoor warning sirens include Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren Counties. Brown County and Clinton County **WILL** activate their outdoor warning sirens at 9:50 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 as part of their participation in the statewide tornado drill. Additionally, Clinton County will be using their mass notification system for the statewide tornado drill.

For more information about Severe Weather Awareness Week and preparedness actions, visit the following resources:

### Adams County

- Contact: Adams County Emergency Management Agency at 937-544-6123.
- Facebook: Adams County, Ohio EMA

### Brown County

- Contact: Brown County Emergency Management Agency at 937-378-5100.
- Twitter: Follow @BrownCountyEMA
- Facebook: Brown County Ohio Department of Public Safety

### Butler County

- Website: <http://butlercountyohio.org/ema/>
- Facebook: Butler County EMA, Ohio



### Clermont County

- Website: <https://ema.clermontcountyohio.gov/>
- Twitter: Follow @ClermontCounty
- Facebook: Clermont County, Ohio - Government



### Clinton County

- Website: <https://www.cc-ema.org/>
- Facebook: Clinton Co. Emergency Management Agency
- Emergency Alerts: Text "CLINTONCOUNTYALERTS" to 226787 or visit <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=clintoncountyohio>



### Hamilton County

- Website: <https://www.hcready.org>
- Twitter: @HCEMA
- Facebook: Hamilton County, OH EMA
- Emergency Alerts: <http://www.alerthc.org/>



### Highland County

- Contact: Highland County Emergency Management Agency at 937-393-5880.
- Facebook: Highland County, Ohio Emergency Management Agency
- Website: [www.highlandcountyema.com](http://www.highlandcountyema.com)
- Emergency Alerts: Hyper-Reach, call or text "alert" to 937-500-0648 or complete the form at <https://bit.ly/HighlandAlerts>



### Warren County

- Website: <https://www.co.warren.oh.us/emergencyservices/>
- Twitter: @WCEMAOhio
- Facebook: Warren County, OH EMA



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