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SPRINGTIME BRINGS INCREASED RISK FOR SEVERE WEATHER

Ohioans need to make certain they are prepared

Columbus, OH – Thursday the National Weather Service issued severe thunderstorm watches and warnings for many of Ohio’s 88 counties, and tornado warnings for seven counties. While most of the watches and warnings have expired, flood warnings remain in effect for counties in northwest Ohio.

“Last night’s severe weather should serve to remind each of us as to the importance of being prepared,” said Nancy J. Dragani, executive director for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. “The actions you take to protect you and your family before the storm will make all the difference after the storm.”

Flooding is Ohio’s number one natural disaster, with tornadoes placing second. Although springtime brings increased threats for severe weather, flooding can occur at any time during any season. In addition, even though Ohio’s tornado season is typically April through July, tornadoes, too, can occur at any time during any season.

Every household, school and business should have a NOAA Weather Radio and an emergency preparedness plan. Staying informed and staying alert means staying safe. In addition to having a radio and an emergency preparedness plan, every household should maintain a disaster supply kit with enough food, water and supplies to sustain individuals for a minimum of 72 hours.

For further information on preparedness activities log on to www.ema.ohio.gov and www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

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