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Missourians Encouraged to Prepare for Severe Weather

(KTNC) -- Although it may not feel like it yet, spring is just around the corner. With the new season comes another set of weather challenges. That's why emergency officials want Missourians to set aside some time this week to prepare.

Jim Kramper is a warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service's St. Louis office. He says while this winter has been a tough one Missourians need to remember that spring thunderstorms lie ahead.

"You're living in a very active weather area," Kramper says, "especially when it comes to spring and summer, severe thunderstorms, and of course it is severe thunderstorms that can produce a lot of problems: damaging wind gusts, large hail, and of course tornadoes."

Missouri's statewide tornado drill was scheduled to take place Tuesday, but that was postponed until Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Tornado sirens will be activated across the state and Missourians are encouraged to practice their sheltering procedures.

Kramper says the safest shelter location is in the basement or an interior room without windows on the lowest level of a building.

More information is available at "StormAware.MO.gov."

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