

Whitfield County Emergency Management Encourages Residents to Prepare During Severe Weather Preparedness Week Feb. 4-8

Dalton – At a moment’s notice, tornadoes, thunderstorms, floods or other severe weather events can strike in Whitfield County at any time. That’s why Whitfield County Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, are encouraging all residents to participate in Severe Weather Preparedness Week, February 4-8, to prepare for the possibility of a disaster.

Severe Weather Preparedness Week begins with Family Preparedness Day on Feb. 4, when Whitfield County households are encouraged to program their NOAA Weather Radios. The rest of the week dedicates time to practicing response to specific emergency events and going through the procedures of learning how to deal with each potential disaster.

“I urge all of our residents to take this time now to prepare when there’s not any severe weather events,” said Claude Craig, Director, Whitfield County Emergency Management. “You can ensure that you and your family stay safe if necessary steps are taken ahead of time, and you can implement safety measures at home and at work so you will be ready when severe weather strikes.”

Each day will focus on a different severe weather threat faced by Georgians. All of the following days focus on a different threat and how to prepare.

Monday, Feb. 4 – Family Preparedness/NOAA Weather Radio Day

Tuesday, Feb. 5 – Thunderstorm Safety

Wednesday, Feb. 6 – Tornado Safety and PrepareAthon! For Tornado Safety

Thursday, Feb. 7 – Lightning Safety

Friday, Feb. 8 – Flood Safety

On Wednesday, when tornado safety is emphasized, residents, schools and businesses statewide can participate in [Ready Georgia’s PrepareAthon! For Tornado Safety](#), a statewide tornado drill.

For more information about Severe Weather Preparedness Week and events occurring locally, contact ema@whitfieldcountyga.com or 706-259-3730.