

# BE DISASTER AWARE, TAKE ACTION TO PREPARE!



Spring 2019 - March, April & May

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Spring is the time of year when many things change – including the weather.

Temperatures can rapidly change causing some weather patterns to be unpredictable. Severe weather often occurs in the spring and summer seasons and an important precaution you can take to prepare for severe weather is to become weather aware. A vital part in being weather aware is staying informed of weather forecasts and familiar with the potential hazards our community can face. Knowing what to do and where to take shelter when watches and warning are issued is critical to your safety, but a watch or warning is only helpful if you are aware.

VILLAGE WARNING SIRENS  
ARE TESTED ON THE FIRST  
TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
AT 10AM



Severe Thunderstorm Watch: issued when weather conditions are strong enough to produce severe thunderstorms that are capable of producing hail and/or winds 58mph or greater and even tornadoes.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: issued when a severe thunderstorm has developed and is capable of producing hail and/or winds 58mph or greater.

Tornado Watch: issued when weather conditions are strong enough for severe thunderstorms to produce tornadoes. Listen to your weather radio or watch a local weather channel for more information, and be prepared to take shelter.

Tornado Warning: issued when a severe thunderstorm has produced a tornado, or local weather radar has indicated low level rotation. Take Shelter immediately.

Do you own a generator? Are you interested in owning a generator?

The Village of Mount Prospect Emergency Management is hosting a free

### **GENERATOR AWARENESS EVENT**

On May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 8pm at Fire Station 14 (2000 E Kensington)

With the seasons changing, take time to check and update your emergency preparedness kit. A good rule of thumb is to update your kit(s) when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time.

- Check that all flashlights, radios, etc. are in working condition
  - Replace batteries in all flashlights, radios, etc.
  - Check the expiration dates and condition of food and water
  - Add extra clothing suitable for spring weather
- Check and verify the phone numbers on your emergency contact list



- Know all areas of shelter from severe weather within your home
  - Know where your emergency preparedness kit is stored
- Understand the different types of watches and warnings and when to take cover
  - Know where your designated meeting sites are
- Know how to react and what to do if you are separated during emergency, such as children at school or family members at work
- Know how to get in contact with any emergency contacts listed in your kit

In the event of a severe weather emergency, these green information boxes will be continuously updated with important information.

For more information on the green boxes, including locations, please visit:

<https://www.mountprospect.org/how-do-i/learn-about/emergency-management>