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**Preparing for Severe Weather Overnight**

There is an elevated risk for tornadic activity through the evening and overnight hours tonight in Rock County and surrounding areas. Citizens are being advised to take the necessary steps in preparing for severe weather tonight before the storms arrive and before going to bed.

1. **Have ways to receive warnings and wake you up in the night.** This includes weather apps on mobile phones, television and radio broadcasts, websites, and NOAA weather radios. Have these ready and set to alert at a high volume – to ensure you wake up if there is danger in your area. Remember, for areas with outdoor warning sirens, they are only intended to notify individuals outdoors so you cannot expect to hear them inside your homes.



2. **Have a plan and practice it.** What will you do when you receive a tornado warning? Make sure you know where you to go when tornado warnings are issued. Stay away from windows, get to the lowest level of your home, and if you do not have a basement, go to the most interior room of your residence.
3. **Create or update an emergency go bag.** This should include items you believe may be needed to keep your family safe and comfortable in an emergency. This should include batteries, phone chargers, first aid, water, non-perishable food items, flashlights, tennis shoes, blankets, and extra clothing. Have your go bag in place before you go to bed tonight.
4. **Charge your mobile devices before you go to bed tonight.** Have them turned up, charged, connected, and within reach to hear wireless emergency alerts and take with you in an emergency.
5. **Pay close attention to changing weather conditions.** Stay tuned to local radio and TV stations, NOAA weather radios, and weather apps.

While we cannot control the weather or the timing of hazardous storms, we can take steps to prepare for it. Rock County Emergency Management encourages citizens to utilize these tips not only today, but in preparation for any severe storms. To learn more about what to do before, during, and after severe weather, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

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