



FAIRFIELD COUNTY OFFICE OF  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY

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**Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week (March 21-27) provides an opportunity for Ohioans to prepare**

(Lancaster, Ohio) Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week (March 21-27) provides an opportunity for Ohioans to prepare their homes, schools, businesses, and organizations for the spring and summer months of potential severe weather. Severe weather and the conditions associated with it, such as thunder and lightning storms, flooding/flash flooding from heavy rains, tornadoes, and extreme heat can cause severe damage to life and property. Being prepared is the best defense against storms.

EMA Director, Jon Kochis, stated, “The dangerous part of these storms is that many of them come without a lot of warning. Weather patterns can change quickly. Fairfield County provides many ways for residents to become aware of these hazards and react quickly to keep safe, and we urge citizens to take advantage of these opportunities to be prepared.”

One system Fairfield County uses is the **Alert Fairfield** system. Alert Fairfield is a notification system that alerts residents of hazards. **In order to participate, residents need to register their phone numbers and addresses at [www.fairfieldema.com](http://www.fairfieldema.com).**

Other systems in place through EMA include siren placements, traditional media communication, and social media communication. EMA provides a comprehensive way to produce alerts and to stay informed of changing weather.

As always, EMA encourages citizens to be prepared for any kind of emergency or disaster by taking the following steps: Make a Plan, Build a Kit, and Get Prepared.

More information about how residents can plan and get prepared can be found at [www.fairfieldema.com](http://www.fairfieldema.com).

If there are any questions about Alert Fairfield or the EMA website, contact Jon Kochis, [Jon.Kochis@fairfieldcountyohio.gov](mailto:Jon.Kochis@fairfieldcountyohio.gov) or Carri Brown, [Carri.Brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov](mailto:Carri.Brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov)

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