



Chatham County Board of Commissioners  
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## **Chatham Emergency Management Urges Chatham County Residents to Prepare During Severe Weather Preparedness Week Feb. 6-10**

SAVANNAH, GA (February 6, 2017) – Devastating tornadoes, thunderstorms, floods and other severe weather events can strike with little to no warning in Chatham County. These devastating effects can be seen most recently in the communities of southwest Georgia. Severe Weather Preparedness Week, which runs from February 6 - 10, is the ideal time for residents and their families to prepare for the possibility of a disaster.

Throughout the week, each day will focus on a different severe weather threat faced by Georgians. Chatham Emergency Management is encouraging all residents to dedicate time to practicing emergency response procedures and learning how to deal with each potential disaster.

“Severe weather can be extremely dangerous, but by taking small steps to prepare, you can ensure that you and your family stay safe in the wake of a disaster, said Dennis Jones, Director of Chatham Emergency Management. “I encourage our Chatham County residents to implement safety measures at home and at work so they will be ready when severe weather strikes.”

Severe Weather Preparedness Week begins with Family Preparedness Day on Feb. 6, when Chatham County households are encouraged to program their NOAA Weather Radios. All of the following days focus on a different threat and how to get prepared.

**Monday, Feb. 6 – Family Preparedness/NOAA Weather Radio Day**

**Tuesday, Feb. 7 – Thunderstorm Safety**

**Wednesday, Feb. 8 – Tornado Safety**

**Thursday, Feb. 9 – Lightning Safety**

**Friday, Feb. 10 – Flood Safety**

Another valuable tool for Chatham County residents is the [Ready Georgia app](#). This free app, available for both iPhone and Android devices, provides mobile access to a variety of emergency preparedness tools. For more information about Severe Weather Preparedness Week and events occurring locally, visit [www.chathamemergency.org](http://www.chathamemergency.org) or contact Chelsea Sawyer at (912)201-4508.

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