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(Eau Claire, Wis.) –

April 17-21 is designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week across all of Wisconsin. Locally, the Eau Claire County Board has made a similar proclamation. During Severe Weather Awareness Week, each day will have a focus including alerts and warning, severe weather, floods, tornadoes, and extreme heat. Across the country, there was a record number of tornadoes through the first three months of 2023. Additional flooding events, including more than twenty inches of rain in one day in parts of Florida, and record heat in Eau Claire County show that these events are occurring.

On Thursday, April 20, there will be two statewide tornado drills. These will occur at 1:45 and 6:45 p.m. Eau Claire County residents may hear tornado sirens, as the Eau Claire Emergency Center will activate them for these drills. As a reminder, tornado sirens should never be expected to be heard inside homes, businesses, or vehicles. They are strictly an outdoor warning system. If Eau Claire County residents do not hear sirens during the drills, they should not expect to hear them during a real event.

For safety tips associated with each day's focus areas, check out Eau Claire County Emergency Management on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Take time with coworkers and family to identify your home and work emergency preparedness activities.

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