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Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week

Governor Tony Evers has declared April 12 – 16, 2021 as Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin. This week traditionally hosts the annual statewide tornado drill which many in the community may remember either through messages on the radio/TV, through tornado sirens being set off, or more recently, an emergency alert to your smartphone about a tornado test.

April 15th will still host the annual statewide tornado drill, however there are several things that will NOT happen this year that you may be used to. These include:

- No test tornado watch/warning from the National Weather Service
- No alert via NOAA weather radios
- No emergency alert system (EAS) message through your TV or radio
- No wireless emergency alerts (WEA) through your cell phone

Due to these many changes Door County will NOT be sounding any tornado sirens in the County on April 15th. Instead, Door County Emergency Management would like to encourage the public to simply set aside 15 minutes to practice tornado and severe weather safety during one of the standard test times that day (1:45PM or 6:45PM). These activities include having an emergency kit, having an emergency plan, and learning how to stay informed about severe weather.

Door County Emergency Management will be posting a new tip each day throughout the week on its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DoorCountyEM> on ways you can participate and become prepared.

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