

...Severe Weather Awareness Week in New England and New York...

The National Weather Service, along with all the New England states and the state of New York, have proclaimed this week, as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

The National Weather Service in Burlington Vermont will air special programming on NOAA Weather Radio to highlight its annual severe weather awareness week campaign. Public information statements will be issued daily during the morning.

.Today...	Outline of Severe Weather Awareness Week
.Monday...	Hazardous weather terminology
.Tuesday...	Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes
.Wednesday...	Severe Weather Safety
.Thursday...	Lightning
.Friday...	Flash Flooding

The mission of the National Weather Service is to issue timely and specific severe weather watches and warnings in an effort to save lives and reduce property damage. However, the final responsibility is yours. The best protection from severe storms is a well rehearsed plan. You must know what action to take when a severe weather watch or warning is issued. If threatening weather approaches, you need to take immediate action.

You and your family should have a plan in the event severe weather threatens. Where would you and your family go if threatening weather approached or a warning was issued for your area? Would you quickly be able to find a place of safety if you were at school, work, or perhaps at the mall. If you were caught outdoors, where would you go? Give it some thought. Remember, you may have only seconds to save yourself.

NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio is a worthwhile investment that may one day save your life. A battery operated noaa weather radio with tone alert capabilities is one of the quickest and most reliable way to receive severe weather information.

Severe weather most often occurs in the North Country during the months of May through September. However, severe weather can occur at any time of the year and so you should always be prepared.

More information on severe weather as well as forecasts and other weather information can be found at www.weather.gov/burlington. Also, visit our NWS Burlington Facebook and Twitter sites for more information.