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SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK:
FEBRUARY 7-11, 2011

Citizens encouraged to prepare for a variety of severe weather situations

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The week of February 7-11, 2011 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Georgia. This annual observance is designed to educate Georgians about a variety of severe weather-related topics.

Forsyth County residents are encouraged to focus on severe weather threats and information throughout the week, and to learn how everyone can prepare for each. During the week, the focus will be on the following topics:

Monday, February 7: Family preparedness/NOAA weather radios
Tuesday, February 8: Thunderstorm safety
Wednesday, February 9: Tornado safety (statewide tornado drill)
Thursday, February 10: Lightning safety
Friday, February 11: Flooding

“It is imperative that every household not only assemble and maintain a disaster kit, but also prepare and have in place an emergency plan,” Forsyth County Emergency Management Agency Director and Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. “I encourage every resident to have a plan in place that every member of your household is familiar with. This will prove invaluable in times of emergency.”

When developing an emergency plan, consider including topics such as the following:

- Pick two places to meet: a spot right outside of your home for an emergency such as a fire, and a place away from your neighborhood in case you are unable to return home.

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- Choose an out-of-state friend as your family check-in contact for everyone to call should the family get separated.
- Discuss what you would do if advised to evacuate.

When assembling a disaster supply kit, some of the items recommended for inclusion are:

- Weather radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day)
- Food which will not spoil
- First aid kit
- Prescription medicines

Residents can learn more about different types of disasters and how to prepare for them by picking up a copy of the “*Do you know what to do When Disaster Strikes?*” brochure. These brochures are available at Forsyth County Public Safety Complex and the County Administration Building. For more information, call the Forsyth County Emergency Management Agency office at 770.205.5674.

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