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Spring-like Weather Brings Spring-like Storms Even in Winter Months

BLOOMINGTON, IL- The McLean County Health Department warns residents to be cautious and be prepared for possible severe weather this evening. Although Severe Weather Preparedness Month doesn't begin for another day, the warm temperatures and unstable atmosphere are bringing the dangerous weather conditions usually reserved for spring and summer to the area earlier than usual.

With the threat of severe storms during the overnight hours it is especially important that residents have multiple ways to receive weather notifications. Investing in a weather alert radio can allow residents to remain weather-aware no matter the time of day. Weather alert radios can be programmed to issue a tone alarm and provide information about a warning that has been issued for the county. Residents might also consider downloading weather alert apps for their cell phones. Once televisions and radios have been turned off for the night, having a weather alert radio or an emergency alert enabled cell phone in the bedroom can save lives.

And remember, a weather **watch** means be prepared – the weather threat is possible. A weather **warning** means take action! – the weather threat is expected.

IEMA and the NWS developed a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide, which provides information about tornadoes, severe storms, lightning and flooding along with recommended actions to take before, during and after each of these weather events. It is available on the Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

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