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GEMA/HS Prepares for Severe Weather Throughout Georgia

(ATLANTA) – The Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security is monitoring a storm system that is forecast to move into and across Georgia beginning late this evening and continuing through tomorrow morning. The agency is in communication with the National Weather Service and state and local partners to ensure the public is informed and resources are available as needed. Citizens should prepare for severe weather that has the potential to bring damaging winds, scattered tornadoes, golf-ball size hail, and flooding to much of the state.

“As we continue to see weather that brings a variety of threats to Georgia, we want to remind everyone to [stay informed](#) and [make a plan](#),” says GEMA/HS Director Jim Butterworth. “Before severe weather hits is the best time to prepare and help ensure the safety of your family.”

Along with checking for updates from the National Weather Service and your local news media, now is the time to check the batteries on your NOAA weather radio to ensure you receive warnings that may occur overnight.

As part of the Office of the Governor, [GEMA/HS](#) works with local, state and federal governments, in partnership with the private sector and faith-based community, to protect life and property against man-made and natural emergencies. In addition, GEMA/HS employees are on 24-hour call statewide to assist local authorities when disaster strikes. Go to <http://www.ready.ga.gov> or download the free [Ready Georgia app](#) to get information on preparing for a disaster and developing a custom emergency plan and Ready kit.

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