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Statewide storm siren drill postponed until Thursday

The National Weather Service has postponed the statewide storm siren drill until **Thursday, March 10, 1:30 p.m.**, due to weather conditions. During the drill, Emergency Management officials will activate storm sirens in Springfield and urbanized areas of Greene County.

The statewide drill is coordinated by the State Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service, in observance of Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 7-11.

Ryan Nicholls, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, urges area residents, businesses, and schools to treat Thursday's storm siren drill as if it were an actual emergency, and practice moving to designated tornado shelters in lower levels of buildings, away from windows and glass doors. Nicholls also encourages residents to purchase and check the batteries in weather alert radios, which notify owners when storm warnings are issued in their area.

For more information, call Ryan Nicholls, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management, at 417-869-6040; or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-829-6019 or 417-224-5510.

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