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**First severe storms of season forecast for Southern Wisconsin**  
**Main threat: Thursday afternoon and evening**

(Madison) – The National Weather Service says a strong storm system is forecast to enter Wisconsin. This system brings with it a chance for severe weather Thursday afternoon and evening, especially in Southern Wisconsin. That severe weather may include thunderstorms with large hail, damaging winds and tornadoes.

Because this is the first severe weather of the season, people are urged to be ready for the threat of tornadoes. Make sure you have a NOAA Emergency Weather Radio in your home. Review your severe weather plans with your family including the best place to take shelter such as a basement. If you don't have a basement, move to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor. Getting under a sturdy table or a staircase can protect you from falling debris.

For more information on storm preparedness go to [readywisconsin.wi.gov](http://readywisconsin.wi.gov). ReadyWisconsin will also post any tornado watches or warnings on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/readywisconsin](https://www.facebook.com/readywisconsin)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/readywisconsin](https://www.twitter.com/readywisconsin)).