

The National Weather Service (NWS) North Platte, Nebraska has declared March 23<sup>rd</sup> through March 27th as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Nebraska. Each day during the preparedness week will feature information about a different severe weather related topic.

### **Take Action**

Thunderstorms may be beautiful, but they can also be deadly. They can produce lightning, damaging wind, hail, tornadoes and flooding. All of these can result in injury, death, and/or property damage. Knowing when thunderstorms are likely to impact your area is key to staying safe. Check [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) daily or tune into your local news. Identify safe places to shelter from a storm throughout your day. If you are at home, work or school, identify locations away from windows and electrical appliances. If you're going to be outside, know where the nearest enclosed building is located and go there at the first sign of a storm. If no building is available, the next best option is to get inside a car with the windows rolled up. If you are driving and encounter water covering the roadway, turn around and find another route to your destination. By understanding the risks posed to you by thunderstorms you can take steps to keep yourself and loved ones safe. For safety information visit [www.weather.gov/om/severeweather](http://www.weather.gov/om/severeweather).