



**Public Information Statement
National Weather Service Melbourne FL
800 AM EST Wed Feb 5 2025**

...Florida's Statewide Tornado Drill will be Conducted this Morning...

Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week is observed each year by the National Weather Service and the Florida Division of Emergency Management to increase awareness of and preparedness for severe weather hazards. As part of today's focus on severe weather, a statewide tornado drill is scheduled for later this morning.

All participants should consider themselves under a Tornado Watch as of 8:00 am. Remember, a watch means you should monitor the weather and be prepared to go to a safe place in the event of a warning.

At 10:00 am, the National Weather Service will issue a practice Tornado Warning. The warning will be broadcast and alarmed on NOAA Weather Radio as a Routine Weekly Test message. A Tornado Warning means a tornado has been sighted or has been detected on National Weather Service radar. Additionally, a warning indicates that there is an imminent danger to life and property, and people should seek shelter immediately!

At 10:30 am, an all clear message will be issued, but it will not be alarmed. So once you have reached your shelter, you may resume normal activities.

Radio and TV broadcasters are encouraged to participate by broadcasting these messages immediately. Each school is asked to participate as well as businesses and individual residents. Everyone should have a tornado action plan and use the annual drill to practice moving to a shelter. This drill will test warning procedures through the state.

For more information, contact the National Weather Service in Melbourne at 321-255-0212 or visit <https://www.weather.gov/mlb>. To learn more about how to receive emergency alerts in your community, visit alertflorida.com and floridadisaster.org.

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