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SERVICE OFFICE

***FEBRUARY 6th IS NOAA WEATHER RADIO ALL HAZARDS
AWARENESS DAY IN MICHIGAN***



Sponsored by the National Weather Service offices serving Michigan, February 6th is NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Awareness Day in Michigan. This is the 23rd annual NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Awareness campaign in the state.

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards is a service provided by the National Weather Service. It provides continuous broadcasts of the latest weather information and forecasts from your local National Weather Service office. NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards broadcasts important forecast and warning information as quick as possible.

With NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, you will always have access to potentially life-saving emergency information. During severe weather, National Weather Service personnel can interrupt routine weather broadcasts and insert warning messages concerning immediate threats to life and property. A special alert tone can also be activated that triggers an alerting feature on specifically equipped receivers. In the simplest case, this signal activates audible or visual alarms indicating that an emergency condition exists within the broadcast area of the station. In the most sophisticated alerting system, receivers equipped with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) technology allow listeners to choose which counties and for what events their radio will sound an alarm for when official NWS watches and warnings are issued.

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards, both natural and technological. Working with other Federal, State and local agencies, NOAA Weather Radio is an "all hazards" radio network. This makes NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards the single source for the most comprehensive weather and emergency information available to the public.

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards is the voice of the National Weather Service and is provided as a public service by the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It provides the timeliest forecast and warning information from your servicing National Weather Service office. This information can save your life! Please take the time to learn more about NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards. More information is available from your local National Weather Service office, and through the Internet at the National Weather Service's NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Web Site: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr>

NOAA WEATHER RADIO ALL HAZARDS FACTS

- NOAA Weather Radio Broadcasts:
 - NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards, both natural and technological
 - NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards is a round-the-clock source of weather. Routine weather information is normally repeated every 4 to 6 minutes, and is updated at least once an hour.
 - The routine broadcasts are specifically tailored to the weather needs of our listeners within the service area of our transmitters.

- NOAA Weather Radio National Infrastructure:
 - Broadcasts from over 1000 stations across the United States.
 - VHF band, ranging from 162.400 to 162.550 megahertz (MHz). These frequencies are outside the normal AM or FM broadcast bands.

- NOAA Weather Radio Reception:
 - By nature and design, NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards coverage is limited to an area within 40 miles of the transmitter.
 - The quality of the signal depends on such things as distance from the transmitter, terrain, and the quality of the receiver.
 - Generally farther than 40 miles for those on flat terrain, or on the Great Lakes, using a high quality receiver.
 - Generally less than 40 miles for those living in cities surrounded by large buildings and those in valleys with standard receivers.
 - If possible, a receiver should be tested in the location where it will be used prior to purchase.

- Overall, NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards covers over 95 percent of the United States population. In Michigan, NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards covers nearly all of both the Upper and Lower Peninsula.

- Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) is the primary activator for the Emergency Alert System.

- NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards capability is currently available on some automobiles, aircraft, marine, citizens band, and standard AM/FM radios.