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As spring comes to the Midwest, it's a good time for a reminder that severe weather can happen. Tornadoes, floods, and strong storms are common during this time, and they can be dangerous. The National Weather Service says we should expect more severe weather this year, so it's important to be prepared.

If bad weather strikes, 211 is here to help. It's a free and confidential service that connects people with local resources and support during emergencies. If you need to know where to go for safety, find a shelter, or get help after a disaster, 211 is a great resource. 211 teams also gather information about damage to homes and businesses and share it with county and tribal emergency management teams, so people get help faster.

Make sure to save the 211 number in your phone and feel free to reach out. You can even do a test call when there's no emergency to get used to how it works. By staying informed and prepared, we can all help each other during springtime disasters and make sure everyone in our community is safe and has what they need to recover. So, call 211 or visit our website to learn more!

Simply Dial 2-1-1 * Get Connected, Get Answers column is provided by Great Rivers 211, an information & referral and crisis line service. Professionally trained staff can answer your questions about local, statewide, and national resources and can assist you with life situations and challenges.

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Free and Confidential

Serving Western Wisconsin, Southeastern Minnesota, and Northeastern Iowa

Simply dial the three-digit telephone number 2-1-1 or (800) 362-8255 to learn more.

Language Interpretation is available.

Chat with us at our website www.greatrivers211.org

Or text your zip code to 898211

