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### NOAA weather radios save lives

The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) is reminding residents of the importance of having a NOAA weather radio in the home after the recent rash of tornados in the state that resulted in one fatality, at least four injuries and extensive property loss. The radios are inexpensive and broadcast the latest weather information from the local National Weather Service office. Weather messages are repeated ever four to six minutes and are routinely updated every one to three hours and more frequently when severe weather occurs. During periods of severe weather, NWS interrupts the routine weather broadcasts and insert special warning messages regarding imminent threats to life and property in a specific area. Special signals can be added to warnings that trigger alerting features. The radios can be programmed to receive local warnings or only those a person wants to receive. It alerts the listener to turn up the volume and stay tuned for more information. The radios have backup batteries and while prices vary, one can typically be purchased for approximately \$30. They can be a lifesaver in the case of severe weather. Persons may check retail or electronic stores since the radios are neither manufactured nor sold by the government.

***The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) is the state's homeland security and preparedness agency. The agency works to identify and lessen the effects of emergencies, disasters and threats to Arkansas by developing effective prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery actions for all disasters and emergencies. For additional information, contact ADEM at (501) 683-6700 or visit the website at [www.adem.arkansas.gov](http://www.adem.arkansas.gov)***

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