



City of McKinney News Release

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Be a force of nature by knowing your severe weather risk

[City of McKinney Severe Weather Video](#)

McKINNEY, Texas (March 28, 2017) –The City of McKinney Office of Emergency Management (OEM) encourages residents to be prepared for severe weather. Each year, people in this country are killed or seriously injured by all types of extreme weather, despite advance warning.

As part of the **Weather Ready Nation** initiative, OEM wants to motivate citizens of McKinney to take actions that will prepare them in the event of a weather disaster and to share their preparedness steps with others. These actions can save lives anywhere, at home, in schools, and in the workplace before severe weather strikes.

Know your risk: Severe weather impacts every part of the country. The first step to becoming weather-ready is to understand the type of hazardous weather that can affect where you live and work, and how the weather could impact you and your family.

What you can do:

1. Bookmark weather.gov to get the latest forecast information.
2. Follow the National Weather Service on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
3. Read the [State of the Climate](#) reports to discover historical trends.

Take action: Think, Prepare and Act by making sure that you and your family are prepared for severe weather. This includes creating a disaster supply kit and making sure that you can receive emergency messages.

What you can do:

1. Obtain a [NOAA Radio | McKinney, TX - Official Website](#)
2. Learn about [Wireless Emergency Alerts](#).
3. Create a [Disaster Supply Kit](#).
4. Make sure you have a [Family Emergency Plan](#).

More information and ideas on how you can **Think, Prepare and Act** can be found at www.mckinneyoem.org or www.knowwhat2do.com.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of more than 168,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money Magazine*. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city's website at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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