

SPRING IS HERE

BE ALERT FOR VIOLENT WEATHER

A TORNADO WATCH is issued by the National Weather Service to alert people that Weather conditions in their area are favorable for tornadoes to form. People should be alert to weather conditions and announcements. Weather information is available from local television stations and local radio stations.

Watch the sky and listen for the tornado siren.

DO NOT CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN WEATHER INFORMATION.

The National Weather Service issues a TORNADO WARNING when a tornado has actually been sighted or is indicated by radar. TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!

On-duty Cortland Police Officers activate the Tornado Siren when the National Weather Service announces a TORNADO

WARNING for the DeKalb County area or there has been a confirmed report of rotating clouds in the area.

No "All Clear" siren is sounded.

The Town of Cortland does not have a community shelter.

Pre-plan with your family where you will go and what you will do in the event of a Tornado Warning!

TORNADO SAFETY.

IF A WARNING IS ISSUED OR IF THREATENING WEATHER APPROACHES:

Move quickly indoors to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement in a structurally sound building. If shelter underground is not available, move to an interior room or hallway of a structurally sound building and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Stay away from windows. Do not use a vehicle for shelter. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your vehicle. Mobile homes, even tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes and should be abandoned.

Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that advance warning is not possible. Remain alert for signs of an approaching tornado. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most deaths and injuries.

For more information on Tornadoes and how you can create a Family Disaster Plan, contact the NOAA's National Weather Services at www.nws.noaa.gov.