

Oakland County not immune to tornado's twist

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The recent deadly tornadoes in the South killed at least 37 people and grabbed the headlines, but Oakland County is not immune to such disasters.

In fact, late winter and early spring are the most likely times for tornadoes in this area.

"At this time of year you have a lot of milder air coming in and still a lot of cold air coming from the north," said Bill Babcock of the National Weather Service in White Lake Township. "Mother Nature abhors differences."

Babcock said while Farmington

and Farmington Hills aren't in a high-volume area for tornadoes, they are near one of the state's three worst areas for the disasters.

One of the areas is in Kent County, near Grand Rapids and one is along the state's southern border (Lenawee County especially). But the other area extends from Genesee County southeast to northern Oakland County.

"In fact, the last tornado to kill over 100 people was the Beecher tornado in 1953 (in southern Genesee County)," Babcock said. Although no one in Michigan

Twister tips help residents set sights on safety

- Here are some tornado safety tips:
- Have emergency supplies on hand during tornado season.
 - Keep a battery-operated radio, a flashlight and a supply of fresh batteries in a convenient place.
 - Know the location of designated shelter areas in public buildings such as schools and shopping centers.
 - Make an inventory of household furnishings and other possessions.
 - Be sure everyone in your household knows in advance where to go and what to do in case of a tornado warning.
 - When a tornado threatens:
 - Stay away from doors, windows and outside walls. Protect your head.
 - In homes and small buildings, go to the basement or to an interior part on the lowest level. Get under something sturdy.
 - In schools, hospitals, and public places, move to designated shelter areas.
 - In mobile homes or vehicles, leave them and go to the nearest shelter or lie in a ditch and shield your head with your arms.
 - After a tornado:
 - Inspect your property, including vehicles, for damage. Check for electrical problems and gas leaks and report them to the power company.
 - Stay out of damaged buildings until you are sure they are safe.
 - Secure your property from further damage or theft.
 - Use only approved or chlorinated supplies of drinking water.
 - Check food supplies. Some food may contain particles of glass or debris.

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