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Resilience Report

Brief insights and the latest innovations in emergency management and health security.

Entering the Peak of the 2023 Severe Weather Season



We are now in the traditional peak of the severe weather season, but states across the U.S. have already been impacted by dangerous storms outside of this period. As agencies across the country prepare for, respond to, and/or recover from severe weather, here is some information that you and your constituents should be aware of.

- **What should you know:** From the end of March to mid-April, the [NOAA's Storm Prediction Center](#) has recorded multiple severe weather events each week that have impacted 30+ states. Hail, winter conditions, significant rainfall, and deadly tornadoes, especially, have wreaked havoc across the U.S.

- **Why this matters:** With months still left of [tornado season](#), deaths in 2023 are already more than double last year's total. Experts are linking this year's active tornado season to the steady stream of atmospheric rivers that have impacted the the western states. These storms have [maintained their intensity](#) as they track east. Coupled with a warmer winter season in the east, significant storms have already occurred prior to the [traditional peak](#) for severe weather (April to June).
- **Resources you should know about:** Both citizens and agencies/organizations play a profound role in a community's preparedness for, response to, and recovery from severe weather. The National Weather Service (NWS) has a [variety of resources](#) that should be shared with the broader community. The NWS also offers a [StormReady](#) program for communities, counties, Indian nations, universities, military bases, commercial enterprises, and more that provides "guidance and incentive to communities interested in improving their hazardous weather operations" by establishing key actions for each to undertake related to emergency operations, public readiness, formal hazardous weather planning, and more.
- **What the experts are saying:** The U.S. is especially prone to severe weather due to our [unique geography](#). Rick Spinrad, head of the NOAA, warned in an AP article that the United States should expect more extreme events as a result of the impacts of climate change coupled with our geography.

What's New on Our Site

- CONSTANT launched our rebranded and updated website earlier this month! Check out the [website](#) and [press release](#) detailing the updates.

In the News



FEMA Updates National Risk Index (NRI)

FEMA released major updates to the [NRI](#) and more are expected following the passing of the [Community Disaster Resilience Zones Act](#) in late December 2022.

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Launch of DHS Resource Website

[PreventionResourceFind-er.gov](https://www.preventionresourcefind-er.gov) was developed by DHS and federal partners to provide easier access to resources to prevent targeted violence and terrorism.

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New Climate Action Toolkit for LHDs

NACCHO and ecoAmerica provide climate resources to LHDs, including a [Report on Mental Health](#) and Climate and Climate Action Sheets.

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The Fun Stuff





Earth Day 2023

Earth Day is coming up on April 22, and this year's theme is "Invest in Our Planet." Learn more about how you can invest in our planet on Earth Day and every day [here](#). Fun fact: this is the 53rd celebration of Earth Day.

Batter Up!

Baseball season is now in full swing. Keep up with all things [MLB](#) - from the schedule to the scoreboards. You can also see how the closely the games are matching [early season predictions](#), so far at least!



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