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## **Linn County Emergency Management Prepares for Severe Weather Potential**

**LINN COUNTY, IA – August 26, 2020** – Linn County Emergency Management is actively following the severe weather potential for Friday afternoon into the overnight hours and plans to sound the outdoor warning sirens if winds gust or are sustained at more than 40 miles per hour. This decision is based on the amount of loose debris still present on the ground and hanging debris still in the trees that has the potential to cause damage or injury when blown around.

Residents are asked to take note of their surroundings when outdoors to ensure safe distances are maintained from loose, hanging debris that may fall at any time. Debris already on the ground should be moved away from structures to minimize the risk for property damage.

### **Outdoor Warning Sirens**

The outdoor warning sirens are designed to be heard by individuals outdoors to indicate a dangerous situation where they should go inside to seek more information. In many cases, individuals may not hear the outdoor warning sirens inside their homes as they are not designed for that purpose.

### **Weather Radios**

Several brands and models of NOAA Weather Radios are available to the public for protection of life and property. Linn County Emergency Management recommends the use of weather radios inside homes to warn of potentially dangerous situations. Instructions for programming weather radios can be found on the [Weather.gov](http://Weather.gov) website.