



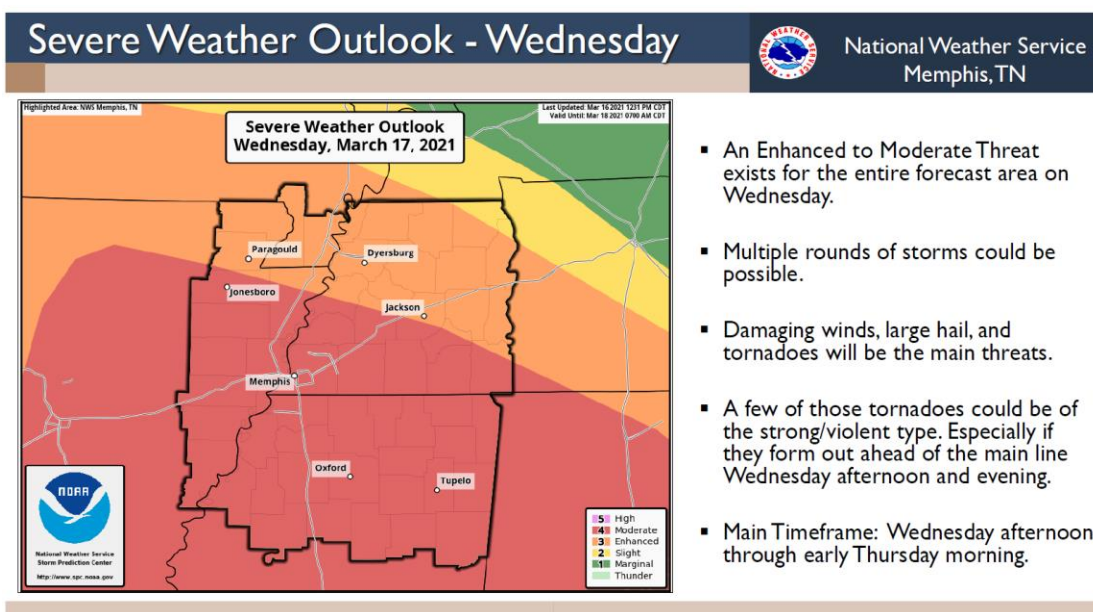
# News Release

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## Prepare Now! Severe Weather Predicted for the Mid-South.

The National Weather Service has indicated severe storms are expected across the entire Mid-South Wednesday into Wednesday night. Hazards could include large hail, damaging winds, and tornadoes. It is important to prepare now, ahead of the storm.



## Severe Thunderstorm and Tornado Safety Tips:

- Listen to NOAA radio for weather alerts.
- Know the alerts: **Severe Thunderstorm watch:** Conditions are favorable. Stay alert! **Severe thunderstorm warning:** Take shelter! Act now! **Tornado watch:** Conditions are favorable. Stay alert! **Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been seen on radar or reported by a spotter. Take shelter!
- Be prepared to evacuate or shelter-in-place.
- Designate a “safe place” to shelter. Underground is best, such as a basement or storm shelter. If not possible, go to the center room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building.
- If you are in a vehicle, try to seek shelter in a sturdy building. If no building is near, pull over, keep seat belt on. Cover head and neck with your arms and cover your body with a coat or blanket.
- Avoid parking under bridges and overpasses.
- Anticipate power outages.
- Charge cell phones and be sure to have fresh batteries for flashlights.

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