

Special Days, Weeks and Months in 2016

The following list of awareness days associated with emergency management was compiled using information from the following web pages: [National Weather Service](#), [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) and [National Safety Council](#). It doesn't include all the federal and state holidays. It is intended to aid emergency management directors and anyone else who promotes preparedness and other emergency management issues in Nebraska. Included at the end of each month are some of the social media hashtags that can be used to promote awareness. If you have additions to this list, send them to: jodie.fawl@nebraska.gov. The list will be updated and posted on the NEMA website at: [2016 Special Days, Weeks and Months](#).

January

- 1-31 Get Organized Month
National Radon Action Month
Resolve to be Ready Month
National Blood Donor Month
#Ready2016 #WinterPrep

February

- 1-29 Earthquake Awareness Month
Flood Safety Month
#FloodSafety, #IceJams

March

- 1-31 American Red Cross Month
20-26 National Flood Safety Awareness Week
21-25 Severe Weather Awareness Week
23 Statewide Tornado Drill
#SWA #SpringSafety #FloodSafety; #Tornadoes

April

- 1-30 Pet First Aid Awareness Month
6-8 Nebraska Association of Emergency Management Conference, Columbus
10-16 National Volunteer Week
15-16 Nebraska Hazmat Symposium/LEPC Conference/ Hazmat Challenge, Kearney
#NEHazmat
16 Annual Family Weatherfest and Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium (CPSWS), Hardin Hall 33rd and Holdrege, Lincoln
29 Arbor Day
30 America's PrepareAthon
#PrepareAthon

May

- 1-31 Military Appreciation Month
Preservation Month
1-7 Public Service Recognition Week
4 National Firefighters Day
7 National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day
14 National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day
15-21 National Police Week
15-21 National EMS Week

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- 15-21 Public Works Week
21 Armed Forces Day
31 National Heat Awareness Day
National Dam Safety Day
#AnimalPrep #WildfirePrep #Heat

June

- 1-31 National Safety Month
June 1-July 4
National Fireworks Safety Month
19-25 National Lightning Safety Awareness Week
#summersafety #natsafety-month #wx #thunderstorms #heat #lightning #wildfires #floods #drought

July

- 1-31 Bioterrorism/Disaster Education and Awareness Month
Heat and Drought Safety Month
2 Salvation Army Founders Day
#DroughtSafety #HeatSafety #SummerThunderstorms

August

- 1-31 National Water Quality Month
#HeatWave #WaterConservation #Drought

September

- 1-30 National Campus Safety Awareness Month**
National Preparedness Month
"Don't Wait. Communicate"
■ www.ready.gov
■ www.ready.gov/individuals-access-functional-needs
11 National Day of Service and Remembrance
30 America's PrepareAthon
#NatlPrep #FallSafety #PrepareAthon

October

- 1-31 Church Safety and Security Month
National Animal Safety and Protection Month
Global Diversity Awareness Month

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- National Crime Prevention Month
National Cyber Security Awareness Month
9-15 National Fire Prevention Week
13 Great Shakeout
16-22 America's Safe Schools Week
#shakeout #earthquake #cybersecurity

November

- 1-30 National Critical Infrastructure Protection Month
2 Winter Weather Awareness Day
#WinterPrep

December

- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
#WinterSafety, #WinterPrep, #HolidayPrep

General Hashtags

- #Crisis
#incidentmanagement
#SMEM Social Media and Emergency Management
#EM Emergency Management
#FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency
#Hazmat
#HSEM Homeland Security Emergency Management
#Incident
#preparedness
#SM Social Media
#SMEM Social Media & Emergency Management
#SMEMChat
Used during Friday tweet-chats on Twitter between 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CST
#VOST Virtual Operations Support Teams
#WX Weather-Specific Tweets. Preceded by state initials (#NEWX = Nebraska Weather) for state specific information