



Things to know during storm season

Now that we're well into spring, it's important to remember that our area always has the potential for severe weather.

At home, you can ensure your family knows how to respond to severe weather and where to seek shelter. Do you have a disaster preparation kit in your place of shelter?

It also helps to know the different jargon used by weather forecasters. Here are a few common words:

THUNDERSTORMS: A thunderstorm is "severe" when it produces quarter-sized hail or larger in diameter, winds of at least 58 mph, or a tornado. Thunderstorms can cause damage with wind, hail, lightning, floods and tornadoes.

TORNADOES: Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air, extending from a thunderstorm, which are in contact with the ground. Tornadoes come in different shapes, sizes and intensities. Some may appear as a

rope-like swirl, while others look like wide funnels.

WATCHES: A watch means that severe weather is possible. Watches are issued hours in advance. Check for forecasts updates, monitor sky conditions and know where to take shelter.

WARNINGS: A warning means that severe weather is imminent. Take shelter immediately and seek further information from the media outlets and National Weather Service announcements.

JUNE BOARD MEETINGS

All-committee meeting: Tuesday, June 18 (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, June 20, 5 p.m. (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). Hearing-impaired call 531-226-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Agendas posted and meetings viewable on oppd.com/BoardMeeting.

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Falcons return to North Omaha station

The pair had three chicks in 2020, daughters Storm and Flicker and son Flash. In 2021, they added four chicks to the family tree, three male falcons – Watt, Ohm and Ampere – and a female falcon, Volta.

Peregrine falcons can lay up to four eggs each year. The eggs typically take about 33 days to hatch.

Lewis and Clark continue a large – and long – line of peregrine falcons who originated from a pair that lived at the State Capitol in Lincoln for several years.



Lewis and Clark, the peregrine falcons who make their spring and summer home at OPPD's North Omaha Station, are back.

Clark made an appearance on OPPD's falcon webcam last week. This week, both birds have dropped by, making separate visits on Tuesday.

Last year was a sad one for the falcons' fans. Clark laid four eggs, but none of the chicks survived. The year before, two of four chicks survived, sisters Thunder and Lightning.



Spring energy tips

Now that spring is here, it's a good time to make sure your home is ready for the warmer months. Even minor changes can make your home more energy efficient and save you money.

Here are some tips to keep your home in good shape:

• Make sure your air conditioning system is in top shape. If possible,

have it checked by a licensed heating and cooling contractor.

- Check your HVAC system's air filter on a regular basis, including when you switch from using your furnace to your air conditioner.
- Seal any ductwork you reach or see in the basement. Properly sealed ductwork can reduce air leakage into the basement or unconditioned spaces.
- If you have a basement, check the

walls and the floors for cracks, leaks or other signs of damage. If you have an attic, check for leaks or signs of moisture, which can lead to mold.

- Make sure your sump pump is in good working order, if you have one
- Outside your home, check your roof, gutters, downspouts and air conditioning unit. Give your windows a look as well to make sure they're properly sealed.

UPDATE Your Contact Information

Is your contact information up-to-date?

Here at OPPD, we want to make sure we have the most up-to-date information on your account so that we can contact you if necessary. This will help us better inform you about power outages, tree maintenance near your home, and other matters.

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