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## **Edwards Reminds Residents about NY-Alert**

**Mayville:** --Chautauqua County Executive Gregory J. Edwards and Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services Director Julius Leone would like to remind residents about ways to stay alert and receive important updates about severe weather in their area.

"After the severe thunderstorms, flash floods, and tornados that took place in the past few weeks it is important that residents know about the many communication methods that are available to keep them informed about weather advisories and alerts," said Edwards. "As the weather gets warmer, more residents will be outside enjoying summer activities, but just because they are away from the television it doesn't mean that they cannot be informed."

Two important things that residents can do to stay safe and informed is to sign-up for NY-Alert and purchase a weather radio.

NY-Alert is an all-hazard alert and notification website. It provides New York residents with critical emergency-related information such as severe weather warnings, significant highway closures, hazardous materials spills, and many other emergency conditions. The website also allows residents to sign-up to receive important weather updates for their area on their cell phones.

Residents can register to receive updates by going to [www.nyalert.gov](http://www.nyalert.gov) and enroll by entering their email address. NY-Alert will then send a confirmation email with a link to continue with the registration process. Residents can choose to be notified by email, phone, fax, or text message and can add up to 15 different locations.

Another way residents can stay informed is to purchase a weather radio. Weather radios allow residents to tune in to NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR), which broadcasts official weather service warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In order to tune in to NWR, residents must have a special radio receiver or scanner that is capable of picking up the signal. The broadcast can be found in the VHF public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz): 162.400, 162.425, 162.450, 162.475, 162.500, 162.525, and 162.550.

Weather radios can be purchased at many retail stores including electronics, department, sporting goods, and boat and marine accessory stores. They can range from less than \$20 to \$200 and may have various features including a tone alarm which will activate the receiver, even if the audio is turned off.

To learn more about NY-Alert and to sign-up to receive important weather advisory information in your area visit [www.nyalert.gov](http://www.nyalert.gov) . To learn more about NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards visit [www.weather.gov/nwr](http://www.weather.gov/nwr) .

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