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PIO Announcements – March 3, 2025

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We are alerting all citizens that this Wednesday, **March 5, 2025, the** State Emergency Management and the National Weather Service will conduct a Statewide Severe Weather Tornado Drill. It will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday. This drill is weather permitting, and there will not be a backup date.

The City of Joplin will observe this tornado drill by sounding the warning sirens for a full three minutes, the same amount that would occur in an actual warning. To initiate the drill, the National Weather Service will issue a Routine Weekly Test (RWT) to NOAA Weather Radios.

Every school, citizen, and business is encouraged to participate in the drill. Residents should treat the drill as if it were an actual Tornado Warning.

Joplin/Jasper County, Carthage, and Webb City are moving their March monthly regional outdoor warning siren test to Wednesday, the day of the statewide tornado drill.

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Mark your calendar and start clearing out your desk drawers and cubby holes! **Joplin Recycling Center is hosting a Paper Shredding Event set for Saturday, April 12** from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (or when the truck is full. – This is a popular program.)

This free event is held at the Recycling Center at 1310 West A Street and has a limit of 12 standard-sized file boxes per car. Non-paper materials like cardboard, packing paper and brown paper sacks will not be accepted. We also remind residents to remove binders, binder clips, or CD's before bringing their papers for disposal.

Big Bear Shredding, a document shredding company, will have its mobile shred truck at the Center, and we look forward to helping residents clear out papers they've been storing in their homes.

Scott Patterson, our Recycling Coordinator, reminds residents to enter the Center from the WEST side to keep the traffic flow moving.

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It's that time again, and the yard work is calling! A quick reminder that the City's monthly tree limb and brush drop-off site is open on a monthly basis – on the third Saturday and the preceding Friday. So this month, it will be open March 14 & 15. I point this out because March 15 IS the third Saturday. However, it's only the second Friday, so it can be a bit confusing.

The site is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, six-tenths of a mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker.

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This free drop-off service is for Joplin residents only and has no load limits. Leaves, grass clippings, treated wood, railroad ties, or construction debris will not be accepted. This program is not intended for commercial tree trimming/removal service providers or contractors.

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It's easy to sign up. Just go to our website www.joplinmo.org/subscribe . The link is also on our Facebook page.

For more information about these events or other City programs and services, please visit the City's website and Facebook pages. Thank you, and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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I'm always happy to help if they want to give me a call or send me an email using the information listed on the screen.

Thank you, and I'd be happy to take any questions.