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Southeast Missouri is in the path for another dose of severe weather Friday night and Saturday.

The National Weather Service has issued a Tornado Watch for Stoddard County and much of Southeast Missouri at 5:50 p.m. Friday. The Tornado Watch is in effect until 1 a.m. Saturday.

Counties included in the Tornado Watch include: Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Iron, Madison, Mississippi, Perry, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard and Wayne counties.

A Tornado Watch means that conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms capable of producing 1" or larger hail, winds of 58 mph or higher and even tornadoes. Dangerous lightning and heavy downpours are also possible.

In addition, at 4 p.m. Friday the NWS issues a Hazardous Weather Outlook for the region.

The advisory warns of a moderate risk of severe weather in Southeast Missouri for portions of the region north and west of a line from Doniphan to Dexter to Perryville.

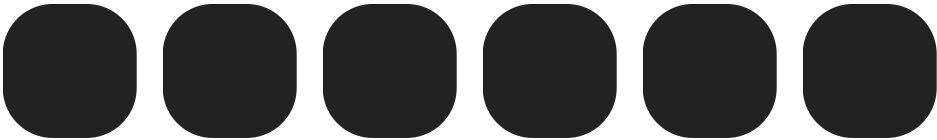
“As a cold front approaches this evening, numerous severe thunderstorms are expected to move in the Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois,” NWS reports. Supercells may be possible in the area with large hail, damaging winds and heavy rainfall the primary concerns. A few tornadoes may be possible as well.

A good chance of thunderstorms continues Saturday through Wednesday along and behind the stalled out frontal boundary. A few periods of severe weather will be possible and flooding will only become more intense with each successive round of thunderstorms.

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