

Lightning Safety

SAFEST
indoors and stay inside
til 30 minutes after the
last clap of thunder

NOT SAFE
Do not take shelter
under a tree, on a hilltop
or in an open field

SAFE
Take shelter in a
hard-topped vehicle

If you cannot get indoors or in a vehicle, go to the lowest area nearby and make yourself as small a target as possible

Severe Weather Preparedness Tips: Spring Weather



Severe Thunderstorm Safety

When you hear the words "severe thunderstorm" in the forecast, be ready for more than just heavy rain and lightning.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS CAN BRING:

Hail

Strong Wind Gusts

Lightning

Heavy Rain

Flash Floods

Tornado

KNOW YOUR TERMS



Severe Thunderstorm Watch

Conditions are favorable for thunderstorms. Be prepared to move indoors.



Severe Thunderstorm Warning

A thunderstorm is imminent or occurring. Take shelter now.

LIGHTNING SAFETY

Lightning can strike as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall.

If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.

Lightning injuries can lead to permanent disabilities or death.

At least 10% of lightning occurs without visible clouds overhead in the sky.

Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.

Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.

Do You Really Know How Deep the Water is?

12 inches of fast-moving water can carry away a small car.

WHEN FLOODED TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN

18-24 inches of fast-moving water can carry away most large SUVs, vans and trucks.

6 inches of fast-moving water can knock over and carry away an adult.

Basic Emergency Supply Kit

The information on this page is the FEMA recommended disaster supplies kit and it should be considered as the minimum kit that everyone should have ready.

	First aid kit		Local maps, have an evacuation plan ready.
	Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio.		Dust mask to help filter contaminated air, plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
	Battery-powered or hand crank flashlight with extra batteries		Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Manual can opener for food.
	Whistle to signal for help		Garbage bags, moist towelettes and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
	Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities		Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
	Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger		

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