

# Lightning Safety

**SAFEST**  
Go indoors and stay inside until 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder



**SAFE**  
Take shelter in a hard-topped vehicle



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

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



Tornadoes

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.

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

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

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# 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 towels 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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