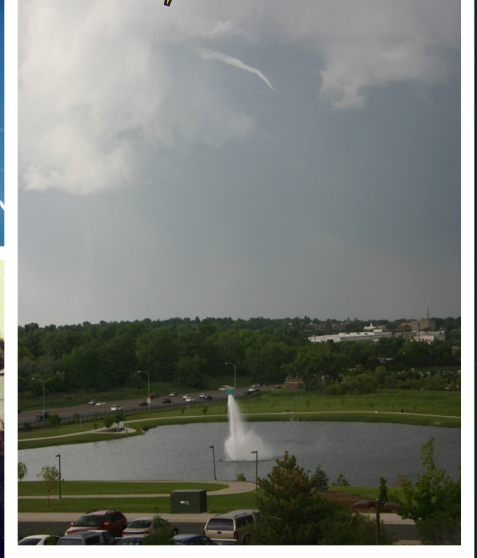


What to do when Severe weather strikes



Weather Emergency Information

If you believe weather conditions are becoming dangerous, find a safe location, then tune to local media organizations for information on current weather warnings. Radio station 850 KOA is the primary Emergency Alert Service station in the Denver metro region. TV stations in the metro area will also have emergency information.

The National Weather Service recommends weather radios for receiving weather warnings and information. You can purchase tone-activated radios at area stores. For more information go to www.weather.gov/nwr/index.html.

Tornado Safety Tips

A tornado **watch** means conditions are present for a tornado.
Keep a radio/TV tuned for further info, and gather emergency supplies.
A tornado **warning** means a tornado has been sighted or is imminent.
Take shelter immediately.
Go to your basement, an interior hallway or small interior room on the lowest floor.
Avoid windows.
Don't stay in a trailer or mobile home.
Take cover elsewhere.
If you're in a car or outside:
Seek cover in a nearby building, or lie flat in a ditch or ravine.

Thunderstorm Safety Tips

Get inside or stay inside when severe weather hits.
Be alert for flash floods.
Never walk through moving water more than 6 inches deep.
Do not drive through flooded areas.
If your car stalls in floodwaters get out and move to higher ground.
If swimming or boating, get out of the water immediately and seek shelter.
Avoid all downed power lines, assume they are live electricity.
Continue to monitor NOAA Weather Radio and the local media for latest weather updates.

Lightning Safety Tips

If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance. Seek safe shelter immediately.
Never stand under tall trees or in an open field if there is lightning.
If you feel your hair stand on end, lightning is about to strike in your area. Crouch down and make yourself a small target, do not lie flat on the ground.
When inside, unplug electronics. Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.

More tips available at www.cityofthornton.net