

AT-A-GLANCE: SEVERE WEATHER

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: *Severe storms possible. Be prepared.* Weather conditions favor thunderstorms capable of producing large hail or damaging wind at this location on the map.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: *Severe storms expected! Seek Shelter.* Large hail or damaging wind is occurring or will shortly at this location on the map.



Severe Thunderstorm Definition: A thunderstorm that produces a tornado, winds of at least 58 mph, and/or quarter size hail (at least 1")

Prepare for...

- **Be Weather-Ready:** Check the forecast regularly to see if you're at risk for severe weather. Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio
- **Sign Up for Notifications:** www.READYNOTIFY.US
- **Create and Practice Your Plan:** Pick a safe room such as a basement, storm cellar, or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows
- **Prepare Your Home:** Keep trees and branches trimmed near your house. If you have time secure loose objects, close windows and doors, and move any valuable objects inside or under a sturdy structure.



During a...

- **Stay Weather Ready:** Continue to listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio.
- **At Your House:** Go to your secure location if you hear a severe thunderstorm warning. Take your pets with you if time allows.
- **At Your Workplace/School:** Stay away from windows if you are in a severe thunderstorm warning. Do not go to large open rooms such as cafeterias, gymnasiums or auditoriums.

After a...

- **Stay Informed:** Continue listening to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio.
- **Contact Family/Loved Ones:** Text messages or social media are more reliable forms of communication than phone calls
- **Assess the Damage:** Contact local authorities if you see power lines down. Stay out of damaged buildings. Be aware of insurance scammers if your property has been damaged.

