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## Weather Tips

A severe thunderstorm is a storm that produces hail of at least 1" in diameter, winds of 58 mph or stronger, or a tornado.

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air that extends from the cloud to the surface of the earth, and is in contact with both. Straight line winds are winds not associated with a tornado (non-rotating). They are responsible for most of the damage in thunderstorms, and can exceed over 125 mph!

More than half of all flood related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into a flooded area. TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN! Six inches of fast moving water can knock a person off their feet, and eighteen to twenty-four inches will carry away vehicles, including SUVs.

To avoid the threat of lightning while at home, if you can hear thunder, make sure not to use a corded phone. Cordless phones, cell phones, and other wireless handheld devices are safe to use. Make sure to unplug your electronics. Do not take a shower, bath, or use other plumbing during a thunderstorm.



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