



WARREN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
DEPARTMENT

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

1. WCPRD reserves the right to cancel any and all programs, games, practices, tournaments, special events and functions if weather conditions present a hazard to the general public. The following events could cause events to be canceled or postponed:
 - a. Severe Thunderstorm Warning
 - b. Tornado Watch / Tornado Warning
 - c. Special Weather Statements
 - d. Winter Weather Advisory
 - e. Winter Weather Watch
 - f. Winter Storm Watch / Warning
 - g. Flood Warning

2. The lightning policy of the WCPRD is as follows:
 - a. If lightning is seen and thunder is heard within thirty (30) seconds of the lightning being seen, all outdoor events shall be postponed for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes. This means that park staff will politely and professionally notify all patrons and participants that they must leave the park facilities and after thirty (30) minutes, the situation will be reassessed. If lightning or severe weather is still persistent, the event or function may still be postponed or canceled.
 - b. Some regional parks are equipped with Thor Guard lightning detection devices. These devices are equipped to detect lightning at various ranges. Our park system's inner perimeter is set at 2.5 miles; mid-range is set at 5 miles, and the outer perimeter is 0 miles. If lightning is detected in any of these ranges, all individuals using WCPRD properties must follow the audible warnings that the lightning sirens give off, per the Thor Guard public emergency policy (see attached policy). During periods in which lightning and thunder are present, all individuals using outdoor facilities should seek shelter in vehicles or other secure buildings. Patrons will not be allowed to remain in athletic complex areas, dugouts, bleachers, playgrounds, or open spaces around fields.