



CITY OF CHANHASSEN

WEATHER SAFETY GUIDELINES

The City of Chanhassen will use the following guidelines to cancel recreation activities when the National Weather Service has issued a severe weather warning (blizzard, tornado, lightening or thunderstorms that includes Carver County). A severe weather warning is an alert issued to warn an area that severe weather may be imminent. It can be issued after severe weather has already been spotted, or if there are radar indications that severe weather may be possible.

If a weather watch is issued by the National Weather Service that includes Carver County, all recreation activities will be held as scheduled. A severe weather watch is issued when weather conditions are favorable for the development of severe weather in and close to the watch area. A watch does not imply that the severe weather is actually occurring; only that conditions have created a risk for it.

The guidelines below are to be used if severe weather develops while a recreation activity is in progress.

- If weather sirens are sounded, all recreation activities are over immediately and participants should leave the park area or seek shelter immediately.
- The safest place during severe weather is inside a sturdy building.
- Always have the class list for the activity, which should indicate participant names and contact numbers. For ongoing activities, keep daily attendance and the class list on hand.
- Stay alert to changing weather conditions

THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTENING SAFETY

If lightening is seen or thunder is heard, activity must wait 30 minutes and may resume only if it has been determined that the lightening is no longer a threat. It does not have to be raining for lightening to be a threat, lightening can strike over large distances.

TORNADO SAFETY

If you hear the tornado warning sirens or see a tornado, **seek the best possible shelter immediately**. Please call 911 if necessary **AFTER PARTICIPANTS HAVE REACHED THE BEST POSSIBLE SHELTER**.

- If no suitable structure is nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head.

COLD WEATHER/SNOW/BLIZZARD CONDITIONS

The weather will determine if the rinks will be closed (severe cold or thawing). Always call the supervisor or the Park and Recreation Department before opening the rink or closing early if there is a possibility of weather forcing closure.

- Generally, a temperature or wind chill of -15 or below will force the closure of outdoor rinks.

HEAT INDEX

The heat index is a combination of the air temperature and the humidity and how it affects our body and health. If the heat index is at or above 110°, all Park and Recreation activities will be cancelled. If heat index is below 110°, activities are held as scheduled. Participants should drink plenty of water and take breaks from activity periodically.