

Vendor: Severe Weather Plan - Community Services Department Training

The City of Thornton is working to establish a comprehensive Severe Weather Plan for festivals and special events at Margaret Carpenter Recreation Event Site. The plan is supported by a national weather detection service that will provide emergency officials with real-time site-specific weather radar, lightning strikes, wind speeds, weather warnings, up-to-date forecasts and live access to a meteorologist all located in the Command Center.

Please understand that in the case of inclement weather, our weather policy requires all canopies/tents to be weighted with 40 lbs. per corner. This can be accomplished by filling a five-gallon bucket with sand or water and bungee cording the bucket to the canopy/tent frame. If you do not come prepared to weight your canopy down, you will be required to take your canopy off your tent in the weather yellow scenario until the ALL CLEAR signal is given.

Severe Weather - Activation Levels

- 1. ALL CLEAR** - Weather is all clear and **ALL** activities in the City of Thornton/ Event Site may continue or resume. ONLY Event Command can/will issue **ALL CLEAR**.
- Event Site is on alert / warning. Potentially, bad weather could be moving towards City of Thornton / Event Site and should arrive at the event site in the **next 1 - 30 minutes**. Please be advised that **ALL** event activities could be suspended, delayed, or canceled in the **next 1-30 minutes**.
 - Cloud to ground or cloud to cloud lightning has been detected **within 9 miles** of Event Site.
 - A tornado is expected to reach Event Site within the **next 30 minutes**.
 - Winds with speeds **greater than 35 mph** are expected to reach Event Site within the **next 30 minutes**.
- WEATHER RED** - Bad weather has been detected in the City of Thornton/ Event Site and all activities are suspended, delayed, or canceled.
 - Cloud to ground or cloud to cloud lightning has been detected **within 6 miles** of City of Thornton Event Site.
 - A tornado has been detected **within 10 miles** of City of Thornton / Event Site.
 - Winds with speeds **greater than 35 mph** have been detected **within 6 miles** of the City of Thornton/ Event Site.
- WEATHER BLACK**- Bad weather has been detected in the City of Thornton/ Event Site and **ALL Vendors and Event Staff** should take shelter.
 - Cloud to ground or cloud to cloud lightning has been detected **within 4 miles** of City of Thornton/ Event Site.
 - A tornado has been detected **within 6 miles** of City of Thornton / Event Site.
 - Winds with speeds **greater than 50 mph** have been detected **within 6 miles** of the City of Thornton / Event Site.

Parks and Recreation Staff will have various predetermined areas of responsibility on the field to assist with announcing any severe weather action plan to all vendors.

Severe Weather - Action Plan

1. **ALL CLEAR** - Weather is all clear and **ALL** activities in the City of Thornton / Event Site may continue or resume.

2. Please be advised that **ALL** event activities could be suspended, delayed, or canceled in the next 1-30 minutes.
 - o Start to prepare for bad weather approaching. Potentially this includes high winds, lightning or severe weather.
 - o Listen for Weather announcements over the PA.
 - **Vendors / Partners / Beer Garden / Entertainment**
 - o Please be advised that event activities could be suspended, delayed, or canceled in the next 1-30 minutes.
 - o Be prepared to shut down all operations and secure all assets if/when the WEATHER RED is given.

3. **WEATHER RED**
 - o Please listen to Weather announcements and instructions over the PA.
 - o Seek shelter.
 - o Please cease ALL sales AND operations as we want guests to seek shelter, not continuing the activity or service. All vendor staff secure all assets and seek shelter.
 - **People Movers**
 - o People movers will be available to assist any ADA guest that need assistance up the hill to the ADA parking lot.

4. **WEATHER BLACK** - Event Site is in bad weather.
 - Please take shelter immediately.

POINT & SHELTER AREA

- Thornton Community Center

If unable to reach the Shelter Area, take shelter in a sturdy building, culvert, ditch or vehicle!

Severe Weather Evacuation Plan

In the event that **High Winds, Hail, and Tornado** conditions are likely to reach the event site, please be prepared to and or EVACUATE the event site. Event Command Center will issue all evacuation orders in 2 stages.

- **Stage 1** - Event staff will assist in the evacuation all event guests to their vehicles to shelter in place.
 We encourage you to calmly and quickly seek shelter in your vehicle.

- **Stage 2** - All event staff must shelter in place or immediately proceed to assigned muster location.
 - o Please have all event staff, volunteers, employees, vendors, sponsors, all partners, and any other groups under you to shelter in place or proceed to muster location based on type of approaching severe weather.

