



☆☆☆ WE ARE THE ARMY'S HOME ☆☆☆

2026 Spring/Summer Severe Weather Awareness





- Heavy rain on saturated soil can lead to flooding
- More than half of all flood fatalities are vehicle-related
- It only takes 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a small car
- Turn around, don't drown!
- Flooding can be caused by snowmelt, ice jams, and heavy rain
- Never drive into flooded roadways or around barricades

FLOOD WATCH

A Flood Watch is issued when *flooding is possible.*

Stay tuned to trusted news sources and be ready to seek higher ground.

Be Prepared.



weather.gov

FLOOD WARNING

A Flood Warning is issued when *flooding is happening or about to happen.*

Move to higher ground immediately!
Never drive or walk through floodwaters.

Take Action!





- Severe thunderstorms produce damaging wind and/or large hail (along with lightning and tornadoes)
- Take shelter in a sturdy structure away from windows — a basement or cellar would be best
- Being in a vehicle is safer than being outside

- All thunderstorms produce lightning
- Lightning kills an average of 30 people every year
- Take shelter inside a sturdy enclosed structure
- A hard-topped vehicle is also a safe location



Spring/Summer Severe Weather Definitions

TORNADO WATCH

A Tornado Watch is issued when **a tornado is possible.**

Know your safe place (storm shelter, basement, interior hall away from windows). Be ready to act quickly if a Warning is issued.

Be Prepared.













TORNADO WARNING

A Tornado Warning is issued when **a tornado is happening or about to happen.**

Immediately seek shelter in your safe place!

Take Action!



EF Rating	Wind Speeds	Expected Damage		
EF-0	65-85 mph	'Minor' damage: shingles blown off or parts of a roof peeled off, damage to gutters/siding, branches broken off trees, shallow rooted trees toppled.		
EF-1	86-110 mph	'Moderate' damage: more significant roof damage, windows broken, exterior doors damaged or lost, mobile homes overturned or badly damaged.		
EF-2	111-135 mph	'Considerable' damage: roofs torn off well constructed homes, homes shifted off their foundation, mobile homes completely destroyed, large trees snapped or uprooted, cars can be tossed.		
EF-3	136-165 mph	'Severe' damage: entire stories of well constructed homes destroyed, significant damage done to large buildings, homes with weak foundations can be blown away, trees begin to lose their bark.		
EF-4	166-200 mph	'Extreme' damage: Well constructed homes are leveled, cars are thrown significant distances, top story exterior walls of masonry buildings would likely collapse.		
EF-5	> 200 mph	'Massive/incredible' damage: Well constructed homes are swept away, steel-reinforced concrete structures are critically damaged, high-rise buildings sustain severe structural damage, trees are usually completely debarked, stripped of branches and snapped.		

Spring/Summer Severe Weather Definitions

Tornado Watch: (PREPARE to take shelter If in your own building. If outside your building, then proceed to nearest location)

Conditions are *favorable* for the development of Tornadoes. They are usually issued for a duration of 4 to 8 hours. They normally are issued well in advance of the actual occurrence of severe weather. During the watch, people should review tornado safety rules and be prepared to move to a place of safety if threatening weather approaches.

Tornado Warning: (Take shelter immediately)

A Tornado has been **indicated by NWS Radar or *has been spotted*** in Leavenworth County. Sirens are sounded at this time! *USUALLY* issued for a duration of around 30 minutes.

NOTE: The Leavenworth County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is responsible for activating the outdoor sirens. (Tornado Warnings) There can be multiple warnings / siren activations. (Subsequent siren activations do **NOT** mean all clear. It means there has been another Tornado spotted in the County area).

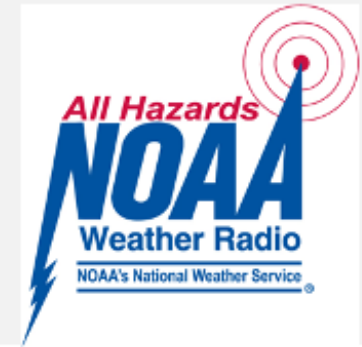




NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio

Severe Weather Awareness Week

- National network of over 1,000 radio stations covering the USA
- Continuous weather broadcast with warnings, watches, forecasts, and other emergency information
- Extremely reliable
- Affordable radios
- Radios with **Public Alert** logo signify the best features, including S.A.M.E. technology to have your radio alert when important warnings are issued for your area
- Could save your life!





For ALL:

- **Ensure ALL personnel are signed up for ALERT!**
- **Download MYARMYPOST App**
- **Download weather app that provides accurate real-time warning**
- **Know your shelter location (if you must travel to shelter, travel during tornado watch, not tornado warning)**
- **Keep water, food, medicine, blankets, shoes, and tools in shelter location.**
- **Heed warnings from NWS and sirens.**

For Leaders and staff:

- Draft and Staff COOP Plans. (include Power Outages)
- Update Accountability Rosters.
- Train Personnel
- Identify & Clean Shelters
- Conduct Drills
- Communicate with Staff and Leadership.
- Prepare your facilities.
- Build Resiliency.
- Prepare for Recovery.



- **Perform an individual risk assessment to prioritize your safety and that of your family.**
- **Emergency Kit** for your home and all vehicles.
- Communication Plan for the family members.
- Personalized Emergency Action Plan.
- Stay in tune with installation website and local media on weather.

