

*Lightning is a leading cause of injury
& death from weather-related
hazards.*

*Severe Thunderstorms are
dangerous storms that:*

Include powerful winds in excess of 58
mph.

Create lightning & hail 1+ inch in diameter.

Are capable of producing a tornado.



*If you are under a thunderstorm
warning, find safe shelter right away.*

When thunder roars, go indoors.

Pay attention to alerts & warnings.

Move from outdoors into a building or car.

Unplug appliances.

Do not use landline phones.

HAMILTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY

MISSION

Provide effective coordination and collaboration to create a culture of preparedness that builds and sustains a disaster resistant and resilient community in Hamilton County.

VALUES

Our values guide our decisions and actions through community, leadership, integrity, collaboration, professionalism, and innovation.

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BE PREPARED FOR THUNDERSTORMS

HAMILTON COUNTY EMHSA



HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A THUNDERSTORM THREATENS

PREPARE NOW

Know your area's risk of thunderstorms. Thunderstorms can happen year round.

Sign up for weather alerts from Alert Hamilton County.

Know where you will shelter indoors before a storm hits.

Cut down or trim trees that may be in danger of falling on your home or power lines.

Consider buying surge protectors to protect your home, appliances, & electronic devices.

Build a preparedness kit so you are ready for a power outage.

Secure outside furniture.

SURVIVE DURING

When thunder roars, go indoors. If you can hear thunder, you are at risk to be struck by lightning.

Stay weather aware when severe weather is predicted.

If indoors, avoid running water or using landline phones. Electricity can travel through plumbing & phone lines.

Protect your property. Unplug appliances and other electric devices.

If boating or swimming, get to land & find a sturdy, grounded shelter or vehicle immediately.

If necessary, take shelter in a car. Do not touch anything metal.

STAY SAFE AFTER

Listen to authorities & stay weather aware for information on whether it is safe to go outside & instructions regarding potential flash flooding.

Watch for fallen power lines & trees. Report them immediately.



**REGISTER FOR
ALERT
HAMILTON
COUNTY**

1. Log on to www.alerthc.org
2. Register your address & contact information.
3. Select alerts you wish to receive
4. Select how you would like to receive alerts & notifications (text, email, cell phone, home phone, work phone).
5. Create your safe & secure Safety Profile

