

Thunderstorms!



What to do in the event of a thunderstorm. Thunderstorms can bring lightning, heavy rain, hail, strong winds and tornadoes.

Hazard Information

Lightning kills about nine Canadians each year and seriously injures more than 100 people.

Safety Tips

- Be aware of weather conditions and warnings
- Seek shelter immediately if a warning has been issued or you believe one could occur

If you are indoors:

- Stay away from windows, skylights and glass doors — strong winds and large hailstones can shatter them
- Avoid running water in your house — lightning can enter through pipes and plumbing
- Don't take showers or baths during a thunderstorm
- Remain indoors during a thunderstorm and stay inside for at least 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder
- Be prepared to seek shelter in a basement or interior room on the lowest level if conditions worsen

If you are outdoors:

- If you hear thunder, then lightning is close enough to be dangerous — take shelter in an enclosed building or metal-topped vehicle
- Avoid water, high ground, isolated trees, power lines and picnic shelters — small, open structures don't protect you from lightning
- If there's no shelter, go to a low-lying area away from tall, isolated objects — crouch down and put your feet together — do not lie down

If power outage results:

- [Important fire safety tips during power outages](#)

Prepare Now

Take the following steps so you and your family are prepared in the event of an emergency:

- Have a safe room in your home where everyone gathers during a storm — away from windows, skylights and glass doors
- If there's a tornado, gather in a basement, storm cellar or interior room on the lowest floor
- Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and cause injury or damage
- Bring inside or tie-down garbage cans and lawn furniture

Use surge protectors — a safety electrical plug that will shut off the power if lightning strikes to prevent damage to your computer and other household items