

Severe Thunderstorms



CERT Basic Training Hazards

A Severe Thunderstorm ...

- Produces hail at least $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter
- Has winds of 58 miles per hour or higher
- Produces a tornado



Thunderstorm Risks

- Lightning
- Hail
- Downbursts and straight-line winds
- Flash floods
- Tornadoes

Thunderstorm Preparedness

- Understand the risk
- Learn to make a small target
- Pay attention to warnings
- Check for hazards in your yard
- Bring outdoor furniture inside
- Remove dead or overhanging limbs

During a Thunderstorm

- Things to avoid
 - Water sources
 - Telephone
 - Being outdoors



If You Are Outdoors

- Get away from water sources
- Seek shelter in substantial building
- If necessary:
 - Take shelter in car or
 - Go to low-lying area and make small target
- Avoid natural lightning rods