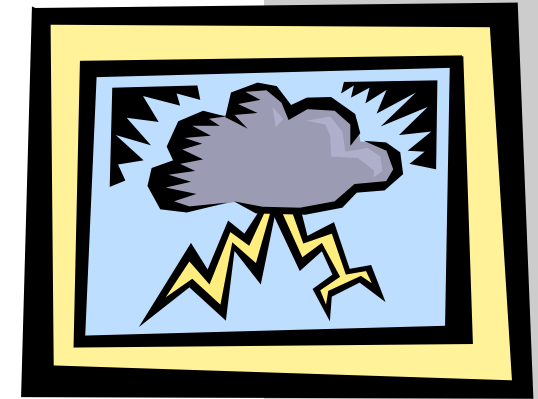


Deep Hail Safety Tips, cont.

- Stay away from car windows. Cover your eyes. If possible, get onto the floor face down, or lay down on the seat with your back to the windows. Put very small children under you, and cover their eyes.
- 2 ...in a building:
- Stay inside.
 - Don't go into the basement.
 - Stay away from windows, especially those being struck by hail.
 - Account for all family members, building occupants, pets, etc.
 - Do not go outside for any reason.
 - Avoid using telephones and electrical appliances during a severe storm to avoid the danger of electrocution from lightning.
- 3 ...outdoors:
- Keep away from areas with deep hail.
 - Try to find shelter from deep hail and lightning.
 - Stay out of culverts and lowland areas to avoid being swept away by water or deep hail.

Facts About Hail

- ⇒ The hail season in Colorado is March through October, but the majority falls during May through August. June has the highest statewide frequency, but Fort Collins has hail most frequently in May. However, the largest size hail falls in July and August.
- ⇒ Hail is primarily an afternoon or evening phenomenon in Colorado. Most severe hailstorms occur between 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. MDT.
- ⇒ Hailstorms rarely last more than 15 minutes. The median duration is 6 minutes.
- ⇒ The most common size for damaging hail is 1 to 1 1/2" inches in diameter. The most common size for hail in Colorado is 1/4".
- ⇒ The largest documented hailstone fell in Kansas. It was 5 1/2" in diameter and weighed nearly 2 pounds!



Hail Safety TIPS

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Do you know
what to do in
a hail storm?

What To Do In A Hailstorm...

There are four situations that represent safety concerns for you and your family during a hailstorm.

If you are...

- 1 ...experiencing large hail, but no one is injured - Follow the Large Hail Safety Tips found in this brochure.
- 2 ...experiencing large hail, and someone is injured - Dial 9-1-1 to report the injury and the approximate size of the hail. Follow the Dispatcher's instructions.
- 3 ...experiencing deep hail and/or road flooding, but no one is injured or trapped - Follow the Deep Hail Safety Tips included in this brochure.
- 4 ...experiencing deep hail and/or road flooding, and someone is injured or trapped - Dial 9-1-1 to report the situation. Follow the Dispatcher's instructions. Then follow the Large Hail and Deep Hail Tips included in this brochure.

For general information on storms in progress, you can listen to an emergency broadcast radio or television station, or you can get continuous updates by listening to NOAA weather radio.

Large Hail Safety Tips

"Large Hail" is hail that is larger than 3/4" in diameter.

If you are...

1 ...in an automobile:

- Stop driving. If you can see a safe place close-by to drive to (like inside a garage, under a highway overpass, or under a service station awning), do so as soon as you can. Make sure you pull completely off the highway.
- Do NOT leave the vehicle until it stops hailing. Your car will furnish reasonable protection.
- Stay away from car windows. Cover your eyes with something (like a piece of clothing). If possible, get onto the floor face down, or lay down on the seat with your back to the windows. Put very small children under you, and cover their eyes.

2 ...in a building:

- Stay inside until the hail stops.
- Stay away from windows, especially those being struck by hail.
- Account for all family members, building occupants, pets, etc.
- Do not go outside for any reason. Large hail can cause serious, or even fatal injuries.

Large Hail Safety Tips, cont.

- Avoid using phones and electrical appliances during a severe storm to avoid the danger of electrocution from lightning.
- 3 ...outdoors:
 - If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter immediately. If you can't find something to protect your entire body, at least find something to protect your head.
 - Stay out of culverts and lowland areas that might fill suddenly with water.
 - Trees are a last resort. It is common during severe storms for trees to lose branches. Also, large isolated trees attract lightning.

Deep Hail Safety Tips

"Deep Hail" is hail that has accumulated a foot deep or more, and/or is flowing.

If you are...

1 ...in an automobile:

- Do not drive into areas with deep hail. Your car could be swept away.
- Close all windows and stay in your vehicle. It is very dangerous to exit as you could be swept away by the deep hail.