

**TOWN OF MADISON
BEACH & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM PROCEDURES

Lightning Prediction System is located on top of the Main Surf Club Building.

The System is looking at a 9 mile radius around the Surf Club Park as is the Madison Country Club's System. The system is constantly measuring the atmospheric conditions and if conditions are favorable for lightning the following will take place:

A long 15 second blast from the air horns will be sounded. The Strobe light on the roof of the Surf Club Building will turn itself on and continue to stay on until the conditions change and lightning is no longer a threat.

What to do when you hear the horns or see the strobe light activated:

1. Evacuate the athletic fields, picnic area and beach immediately – don't run but move quickly.
2. Seek appropriate shelter from the impending storm. – Cars, trucks, bathroom buildings or other permanent structure. **Don't go under tents, trees or stand in open areas.**

Once conditions change and lightning is no longer predicted by the system you will hear an all clear which is 3 short blasts of the air horns and the strobe light will turn off.

If the All-Clear is sounded it is safe to return to the playing field and resume play should field conditions be okay. If there is standing water on the field, play should NOT be resumed and the game should be cancelled or postponed.

Failure to adhere to this procedure, or any of the policies of the Madison Beach & Recreation Department regarding approved use of fields may result in a loss of field privileges for the team(s) or League(s) involved.