

# THUNDERSTORMS/HAIL



## WHAT TO DO WHEN SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS/HAIL ARE FORECAST

Strong thunderstorms often produce hail. Hail can be smaller than a pea, or as large as a tennis ball, and can be destructive. Large hail, or flying glass if it breaks, can injure people and animals. In a hailstorm, take cover immediately. Livestock is particularly vulnerable to hail, so take animals to shelter before a storm.

### Severe thunderstorm specific planning

- Learn about your area's severe thunderstorm risk.
- Identify "safe places" on your farm for your livestock and another where family members can gather during a thunderstorm. The lowest floor of a building is a good option.
- Assess and plan options for your livestock and family well in advance in the event of an approaching thunderstorm.

### How to protect your property

- Insure crops/livestock against financial loss due to storm damage.
- Make a list of items to bring inside in the event of a storm.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed.
- Remove any debris or loose items in your yard.
- Consider installing permanent shutters to cover windows.

### What to do before a thunderstorm

- Use a local radio station to keep you informed of weather watches and warnings issued for your area.
- Postpone outdoor activities such as ploughing, irrigating, planting, milking, livestock dipping, pruning, budding or fertiliser application if thunderstorms are imminent.
- Keep an eye on the sky. Pay attention to weather clues around you that may warn of imminent danger.
- Stay aware of your surroundings. Look for places you might go should severe weather episodes occur.
- Listen for the sound of thunder. Go to safe shelter immediately.

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### What to do during a severe thunderstorm

- Tune in to local radio or television station for updated information.
- Avoid natural lightning rods such as tractors, fishing poles and camping equipment.
- Be prepared to seek shelter if a severe thunderstorm approaches.

### If you perceive a severe thunderstorm approaching

- Secure outdoor objects such as lawn furniture that could blow away or cause damage or injury. Take light objects inside.
- Shutter windows securely and brace outside doors. This will help protect your house from damaging winds or flying debris.
- Avoid electrical equipment and telephones. Lightning could follow the wire. Television sets are particularly dangerous at this time.
- Avoid bathtubs, water faucets and sinks. Metal pipes can transmit electricity.

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