

# Thunderstorm & Lightning Checklist

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This checklist is intended to be used in conjunction with the All Hazards Checklist in Appendix 1.

<b>PHASE 1 – PREPARATION</b>	<b>Not Started</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Complete</b>
Protect church electrical equipment and appliances (computers, VCRs, TVs, DVD Players, speakers, refrigerators, stoves, etc.) from electrical surges or direct lightning strikes by installing surge protective devices.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove dead or rotting trees and branches from around church buildings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install lightning rods. Lightning rods will carry the electrical charge of lightning bolts safely to the ground, greatly reducing the chance of a lightning-induced fire.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Designate an area of each church building as a safe room as tornados may also be spawned by thunderstorms. This area should provide the highest degree of protection from winds and flying debris (on the first floor, interior room with no windows).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use a NOAA Weather Radio with a tone-alert feature to keep you informed of watches and warnings issued in your area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postpone scheduled outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage or injury.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PHASE 2 – IMPACT</b>	<b>Not Started</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Complete</b>
Move everyone indoors if, after seeing lighting, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unplug appliances and other electrical items that are not protected by surge protectors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Avoid electrical equipment, telephones, bathtubs, water faucets, and sinks as lightning can follow the wires or metal pipes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitor a NOAA Weather Radio for storm updates.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DO NOT allow individuals to leave the shelter of buildings to go out into the storm until 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PHASE 3 – IMMEDIATE RESPONSE</b>	<b>Not Started</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Complete</b>
Continue listening to local radio or television stations or a NOAA Weather Radio for information and instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Help injured or trapped persons within your immediate vicinity. Give first aid where appropriate. Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If individuals have sheltered in church buildings, encourage them to remain there until local officials say it is safe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Immediately report loose or dangling power lines to the power company, police, or fire department.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use the telephone only for emergency calls. Telephone lines are frequently overwhelmed in disaster situations. They need to be clear for emergency calls to get through.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove storm debris from the grounds to the county appointed pick-up point on the church property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consult the Flooding and Tornado Action Checklists, Appendix 3 & 5 for additional actions to be accomplished during this phase that may apply.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consult the All Hazards Checklist in Appendix 1 for additional actions to be accomplished during this phase.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PHASE 4 – RELIEF</b>	<b>Not Started</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Complete</b>
Remind anyone conducting relief efforts to wear sturdy shoes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use battery-powered lanterns or flashlights when examining buildings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Take pictures of all damage for insurance claims.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact the church’s insurance agent concerning filing a claim for damages.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consult the All Hazards Checklist in Appendix 1 for additional actions to be accomplished during this phase.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PHASE 5 – RECOVERY</b>	<b>Not Started</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Complete</b>
Consult the All Hazards Checklist in Appendix 1 for actions to be accomplished during this phase.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>