

Weather Alerts

In case of severe weather, warnings and instructions will be given over the AirVenture public address system and other communications methods including Twitter and Facebook. An email will be sent to all exhibitors to the email address that was provided as your exhibit contact on your application.

You may also sign up to receive text message alerts during EAA AirVenture notifying you of potential severe weather. EAA staff will provide timely updates on severe weather, as well as what necessary procedures to follow.

Text **OSHALERT** to **64600** to sign up for the Weather alert.

Cancel at anytime by texting **STOP** to **64600**. Message and data rates may apply.

If you already have a weather monitoring app, remember to change the zip code so you receive the right weather information. The zip code to use is 54902. If you do not have this type of service it is recommended that you sign up for a service to keep up to date on weather information and alerts.

OUTDOOR EXHIBITORS

When a high wind watch or severe thunderstorm watch is issued it is important to be ready to secure items that can easily be blown away. Flutter flags and other items can easily become missiles in high winds and cause damage and injuries to others. When a high wind, severe thunderstorm or tornado warning is issued, these items must be secured. If necessary, start before the warning is issued. Also, ensure all aircraft are secured and tied down properly. A warning is issued when severe weather is to strike within 15-20 minutes, or sooner.

What is a Weather Watch or Warning

WEATHER WATCH

A watch means that conditions are favorable for high wind, severe storm or tornado development, but its occurrence, location, or timing is still uncertain. A watch means that hazardous weather is possible. People should have a plan of action in case a storm threatens and they should listen for later information and possible warnings.

- **High Wind Watch** - is when sustained strong winds (20+ mph) are possible.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Watch** - is when conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms in and close to a watch area. Watches are usually in effect for several hours, with 6 hours being the most common.
- **Tornado Watch** - is when conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms producing tornadoes in and close to a watch area. Watches are usually in effect for several hours, with 6 hours being the most common (also automatically indicates a Severe Thunderstorm Watch).

WEATHER WARNING

A warning means that dangerous weather is threatening the area and that people in the path of the storm need to take protective action. It is important for you to monitor weather conditions and not just rely on the sirens to be sounded to notify you of imminent severe weather. If a warning is issued exhibitors should shelter in place, a low-lying area or, if feasible, in a vehicle.

- **High Wind Warning** - is when sustained strong winds (40-50+ mph), with even stronger gusts, are occurring.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Warning** - is when a thunderstorm produces hail 1 inch (27mm) or larger in diameter and/or winds with equal or exceed 58 mph (93km/h). Severe thunderstorms can result in the loss of life and/or property. Tornadoes can also and do develop in severe thunderstorms without the issuance of a tornado warning.
- **Tornado Warning** - is when a tornado is indicated by radar or sighted by storm spotters and automatically indicates a Severe thunderstorm Warning.