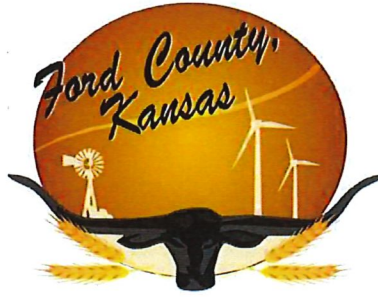


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Re: Possible Severe Weather

Severe Weather and Preparation

**Ford County, Kansas** – Beginning this evening, there is a possible chance for severe weather to include thunderstorms, high winds and potential for tornadoes.

Ford County first responders highly encourage all residents to stay home and limit travel unless absolutely necessary. It is important to prepare for road closures and low visibility. You can monitor Ford County websites and social media pages in order to receive up-to-date information regarding weather conditions, areas to avoid and helpful safety and security tips including storms shelter locations. It is also recommended that you monitor local utility websites and social media for information related to power outages and estimated times for restoration.

**Tips to Remember:**

- ✓ "Tornado sirens" are outdoor warning systems and designed to alert individuals outdoors to take cover indoors. They are not designed to be heard inside buildings and other structures
- ✓ The tornado sirens are sounded when a tornado has been spotted on the ground and is moving in the direction of populated areas.
- ✓ There is no "All-Clear" signal, so if you hear the tornado siren again, that means a tornado is still a threat
- ✓ Severe weather season brings potential for flash flooding and downed power lines – please avoid these areas
- ✓ Do not drive through flooded roadways
- ✓ Avoid areas where first responders and storms spotters are working
- ✓ Purchase a NOAA weather radio at a local retailer
- ✓ Follow Ford County social media and webpages for up-to-date weather information, directions and recommendations
- ✓ Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) for information on how to shelter-in-place while taking cover from a tornado.
- ✓ Visit [www.fordcounty.net](http://www.fordcounty.net) to register for CodeRED weather alerts

**Available Shelters**

- 1) Miller Elementary  
1100 Avenue G (Dodge City)
- 2) Sunnyside Elementary  
511 Sunnyside (Dodge City)
- 3) Wilroads Gardens Elementary  
11558 E. Main (Dodge City)
- 4) The Dodge City Community College Dome  
2501 N. 14<sup>th</sup>

  
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