

# Eudora Community Library



## Inclement Weather Guidelines for Outdoor Activities

### Inclement Weather Defined

Inclement weather can be defined as any severe weather conditions that include, but are not limited to: Rain, wind, lightning, tornado, thunderstorm watch/warning, and advisories. Especially any weather that compromises the safety of activity participants, staff, volunteers and/or the condition of the facility.

### Protocol

Library staff will monitor weather conditions through various sources that include, but are not limited to, weather.com and weather apps.

On-site staff will receive direction from the activity's supervisor if a cancellation/postponement/relocation process is recommended.

### Notification Process

Depending on the type of weather event and the impact, the library will communicate via word of mouth and posting on social media regarding cancellation/postponement/relocation information.

### Rain

- If rain is forecast to occur the entire day, all outside activities will be canceled for the day (or moved indoors when possible).
- If rain is expected to occur before 12pm, morning activities will be canceled (or moved indoors when possible).
- If rain is expected after 12pm, afternoon/evening activities will be canceled (or moved indoors when possible).

### Severe Weather Watches/Advisories

- If a severe weather watch or advisory is issued, all outdoor activities will be canceled (or moved indoors when possible) within the watch timeline.

- This may include winter storm watches, winter weather advisories, wind chill advisories, high wind watches, high wind advisories, severe thunderstorm watches, excessive heat watches, and excessive heat advisories.
- Tornado watches will require all outdoor and indoor activities to be cancelled.

### **Severe Weather Warnings**

- If a severe weather warning is issued, all outdoor and indoor activities are cancelled during the warned timeline.
- This may include blizzard warnings, winter storm warnings, ice storm warnings, wind chill warnings, severe thunderstorm warnings, tornado warnings, and excessive heat warnings.

### **Heat Watches/Advisories**

- If the forecasted heat index temperature for 12pm will be 85 degrees F to 95 degrees F, the decision to cancel or relocate indoors will be at the discretion of the library director.
- If the forecasted heat index temperature for 12pm will be 95 degrees F or higher, outdoor activities will be canceled (or relocated indoors if possible).

### **Wind Chill Watches/Advisories**

- Outside wind chill temperatures of 55 degrees F or lower will call for relocation of outdoor activities (to indoor if possible).

*The Eudora Community Library has the right to close the building, cancel/postpone activities, or relocate activities for public and staff safety in the event of inclement weather. Cancellations, postponements, and relocation announcements will be done in a timely manner. Emergency alert warnings may require immediate cancellations.*