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City Officials Issue Severe Weather Safety Precautions

Rockford, Ill. – City officials from fire, police and public works have coordinated services and resources to insure that teams will be ready to respond to the potentially severe weather that has been predicted for Wednesday, June 22, 2016 in the Rockford area.

Citizens are reminded to monitor the progression of severe weather closely and to use extreme caution when traveling in hazardous weather. Residents are encouraged to plan for a severe weather event and to seek shelter in a basement, storm shelter, or make arrangements to stay with family members or friends if needed.

Travelers are advised to stay close to shelter during storms and only travel, using extreme caution, if necessary. If storms are significant, traffic lights may not function, and limbs or electrical lines may be in the roadway. Motorists are asked to stay away from downed lines and to approach intersections with extreme caution. When approaching an intersection where a traffic light is not functioning, be reminded to treat the intersection as a four-way stop.

In the event of an emergency, such as fire or injury, citizens should call 911. For general information, citizens are urged to call 211.

The city's fire, police and public works departments are tracking weather updates and preparing accordingly. In the event of severe weather, updates will be provided on the City Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/CityofRockford>, Twitter account, [@CityofRockford](https://twitter.com/CityofRockford), and via Nixle alerts, <https://local.nixle.com/city/il/rockford/>.

For information and resources on heavy rain, flood and tornado preparedness, please visit the City of Rockford website at <http://rockfordil.gov/emergency-preparedness.aspx>.

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