

### How can you Be Ready?

#### Before

- Learn what a watch and a warning mean.
- Weather alerts are issued by county. Know which county you live, go to school, or work in.

#### During

- **Thunderstorms:** Head indoors. Stay off of electronics and away from water.
- **Lightning:** If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be in danger from lightning. The National Weather Service recommends staying inside for at least 30 minutes after the last thunder clap.
- **Tornadoes:** Head to the basement or the lowest floor. Wear a helmet.
- **Floods:** Head to higher ground.
- **Heat:** Drink lots of water and don't play outside for too long.



### Know Your Alert Terms

When the weather turns bad, the National Weather Service lets us know with special phrases. Do you know the difference?

**Watch:** There is a chance for dangerous weather. *Time to prepare!*

**Warning:** Dangerous weather is occurring or will occur in your area. *Take action!*



Watch and warning messages sent from the National Weather Service are based on weather in your county. What county do you live in?

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*Write your county name here*

### When dangerous weather arrives, take action!

*The action you take differs based on the dangerous weather that arrives. Draw a line from the dangerous weather (on the left) to how you should take action (on the right).*



Lightning

"Beat the heat, stay cool"



Flooding

"If a tornado is around, get low to the ground"



Tornado

"When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors"  
"See a flash, dash inside"



Heat

"Turn Around, Don't Drown"