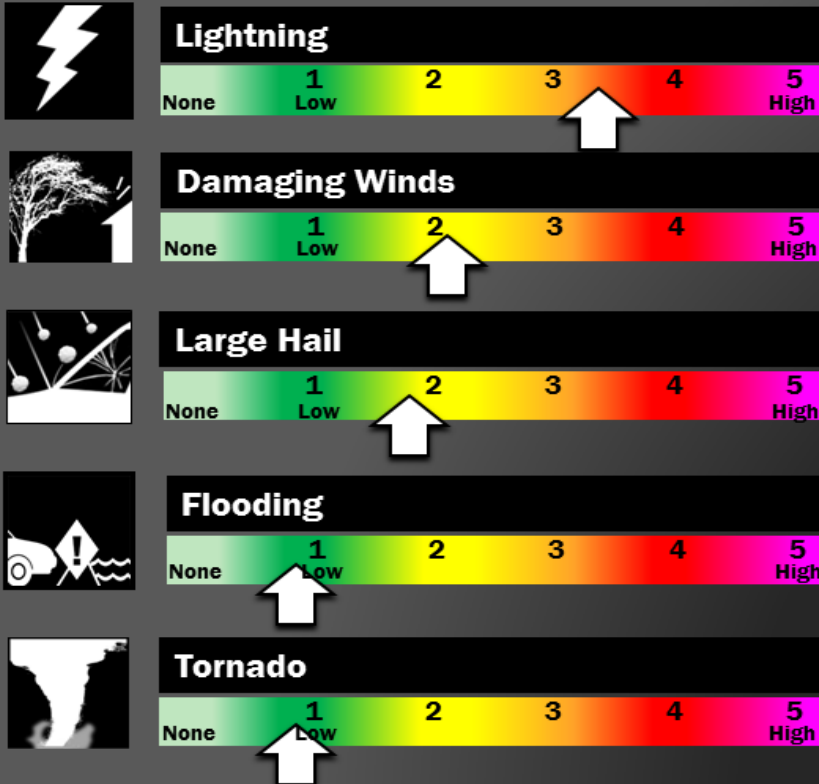




Strong to Severe Storms Possible Later Today

Potential Hazards: Threat Level



Risk Level



Timing of Severe Risk
Early afternoon through mid evening, highest chances between 4 pm and 9 pm

Additional Forecast Details

AM Storms Possible –
Severe not expected
Highs: 77° to 85°



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Important Forecast Changes

We should be able to identify areas of concern after noon today.



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Key Points



Hazards: Numerous thunderstorms, some could be strong to severe



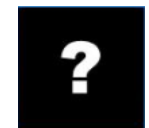
Areas Impacted: Northern Illinois and Northwest Indiana



Timing & Duration: Showers shift northeast this morning and multiple rounds of thunderstorms will develop this afternoon through this evening (4-9PM CDT). The strongest storms are expected early this afternoon through this evening.



Impacts: All thunderstorms will have lightning. The strongest storms early this afternoon through this evening may produce damaging wind gusts.



Certainty & Considerations: High confidence in multiple rounds of thunderstorms occurring today, but low confidence in exact timing and location. Confidence should increase with new data later this morning.



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Severe Thunderstorm Quick Facts and Preparedness:



Quick facts you should know about Severe Thunderstorms:

- Severe Thunderstorms are officially defined as storms that are capable of producing hail, straight-line winds, or a tornado that may endanger a life or damage property.
- Severe hail is defined as 1 inch in diameter or larger. Hail this size can damage property such as plants, roofs, and vehicles.
- The largest hail stone ever officially recorded was 8 inches in diameter. It fell in Vivian, South Dakota.
- Severe straight line wind gusts exceed 58 mph. Some thunderstorms have produced wind gusts in excess of 100 mph and have created widespread wind damage similar to that of a tornado.

Preparedness:

A Severe Thunderstorm Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms to develop. When a watch is issued, it is time to prepare and stay weather aware.

A Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued when a thunderstorm poses a threat to life or property. Now is the time to act!

Have a NOAA weather radio handy and make sure it is tuned to the right transmitter:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/Maps/index.php>

How do I stay safe? Go indoors and stay away from windows. If you are caught outside, do not seek shelter underneath a tree – they are prone to lightning strikes. A hard-topped vehicle may offer some protection as a last resort. Do not touch the sides of the vehicle.

All thunderstorms can be deadly: When Thunder Roars, Go indoors!

For more information about this event, please monitor our Weather Watcher page here:
<http://www.weather.gov/lot/outdoorevents>



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