

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Parks & Recreation Department/Central Square Community Center will use the following guidelines and procedures for inclement weather to safeguard participants, spectators and staff. The Parks & Recreation/Central Square Community Center retains the right to cancel or curtail activities due to weather conditions. Information from the National Weather Service will be used to ensure programs, activities and facilities can be operated in a safe manner.

Outdoor Pools will close for the following reasons for safety of users and staff:

- Pool will close for 30 minutes if lightning is detected by staff.
- Pool will close if rain limits visibility of the pool by staff.
- Pool will close or have limited hours if temperature falls below 65 degrees.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS PROCEDURES

Listed below are different weather conditions and how it will affect programs or facility areas.

Severe Weather Warning: In case of severe weather sighted, a severe weather warning is issued, or a weather siren sounded, all unsheltered outdoor activities must be stopped. Participants must be out of the water.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: Outside activities will cease or delay start if necessary. Classes or swimming in pool will be canceled until the warning is ended.

Lightning: Upon the first sight of lightning or sound of thunder, all outdoor activity must stop immediately. No activity can resume outdoors until 30 minutes after the last sighting of lightning or sound of thunder. Programs may be moved indoors if possible.

Tornado: In the event of a tornado warning or sirens, seek the best possible shelter available immediately. Community Center and outdoor pool activities will be moved to locker rooms.

Heat: If the heat index is 105 degrees or above, all outdoor Parks & Recreation activities will be canceled or moved to an indoor location if possible. Outdoor Pools will remain open at the discretion of Parks & Recreation Administration.

Cold: Outdoor rinks and warming houses will close if the temperature falls below -10 and/or -15 wind chill. Snow events will determine closings on a case by case basis.

WEATHER UPDATES

City sponsored programs, activities or facilities closing will be posted the following ways.

- Weather Hotline: 651-366-6210
- Website: www.southstpaul.org/weather&recreationcancellation

When closures are determined according to this policy, outside rentals, school sports or groups using city fields and facilities will be in charge of notifying their participants.