



# Howard County

## RECREATION & PARKS

### ***NEW! LIGHTNING ALERTING SYSTEM***

For the safety of its visitors the Department of Recreation & Parks has installed lightning alerting systems in the following parks:

1. Blandair Park
2. Cedar Lane Park
3. Centennial Park
4. Rockburn Branch Park
5. Savage Park
6. Schooley Mill Park
7. Western Regional Park
8. Troy Park

#### **Operation:**

Each system is equipped with a horn and strobe light. The horn and strobe light will activate for 15-seconds once it senses lightning 10-miles from the park. At this time all activities, including games and practices will cease, allowing park visitors to seek shelter.

Once lightning is no longer a threat the horn will sound in three, 5-second bursts and activities, games and practices can resume.

#### **Sheltering:**

A safe shelter is a building with a roof and four walls such as the restrooms. Sheltering in a vehicle is another option but it is not as safe as a solid structure. DO NOT take shelter under a picnic pavilion as it does not provide protection against lightning.

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