

**BEEDE
CENTER**
swim + fitness

Weather Policy

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WEATHER POLICY

We make our weather related decisions based on the safety of our members and staff. We encourage you to use your discretion in determining whether or not to visit the Beede Center during inclement weather. Information related to delays and cancellations to programs/classes and facilities will be updated on the Beede Center phone (978-287-1000), sent via Constant Contact and Social Media as soon as those decisions have been made.

WEEKDAYS

For early morning storms, the decision will be made to close or delay the Center's opening by 4:30 am--members may call after 4:30 am for a recorded message. The telephone number is 978-287-1000.

WEEKENDS

For early morning storms, the decision will be made to close or delay the Center's opening by 6:00 am--members may call after 6:00 am for a recorded message. The telephone number is 978-287-1000.

In the event of a storm during daytime hours, members are encouraged to call prior to venturing out. It is our policy to remain open if at all possible but management reserves the right to make decisions based on the safety of both our members and our staff.

For Aquatic programs please call 978-287-1000 to confirm if the program is being held.

For Fitness programs please call 978-287-1000 to confirm if the program is being held.

THUNDER/LIGHTNING

Please be aware that it is the policy of the Beede Center, with the safety of our members and guests in mind, to evacuate the pool area when thunder and lightning is present. We recommend that patrons do not take showers during a severe storm.

While no reported human injuries have occurred in indoor pools, it is the recommendation of the National Lightning Safety Institute to remove swimmers from indoor pools and shower areas during severe storms. There are multiple reported cases of mechanical damage to equipment located inside buildings that suffer a near ground or building strike.

Severe storms will be considered approaching thunder and lightning storms during the spring and summer months. Evidence of thunder indicates approaching weather and also places the approaching storm about 5 – 10 miles away. Unfortunately, lightning has the potential to strike over 10 miles away from an approaching storm.

Once members and guests have been evacuated, the pool area may not re-open until 30 minutes have passed with no severe storm activity.

These guidelines are also recommended by the following:

National Lightning Safety Institute - YMCA Service Corporation - Redwoods Insurance Group - NCAA - National Athletic Trainers Association - USA Swimming - American College of Emergency Physicians. DE, ND, SD, MI, RI, and MD.

TORNADO WATCH/WARNING

A tornado watch is issued to alert people to the possibility of a tornado developing in our area. At this point, a tornado has not been seen but the conditions are very favorable for tornadoes to occur at any moment. Be ready to seek shelter at a moment's notice.

A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has actually been sighted or has been picked up on radar in our area. This means that you need to take shelter immediately in a safe sturdy structure. If this should occur while you are at the Beede Center an announcement will be made on the building's P.A. system instructing you to gather in a designated area in the building. Anyone wishing to exit the building will be apprised of the current situation given the most current information available and advised to remain in the building. During such an event, no children participating in the Town of Concord Recreation programs or using the Beede Center will be allowed to leave the facility without being accompanied by a parent/guardian.

HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM

A tropical storm watch is issued when conditions with sustained winds from 39 -74 mph are possible in the area within the next 36 hours. A hurricane watch is issued when hurricane conditions with sustained winds of 74 mph or greater are possible in the area within the next 36 hours.

A tropical storm warning is issued when tropical storm conditions are expected in the area within the next 24 hours. A hurricane warning is issued when hurricane conditions are expected in the area within 24 hours. Once this WARNING has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

If it becomes apparent that a hurricane is imminent in this area, the Beede Center will close.

SNOW/BLIZZARD

The Beede Center management determines if the building will open or close early/late/completely if the weather conditions or road conditions warrant it.