

LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEM

The Borough of Totowa maintains a Lightning Detection System at several athletic fields throughout the borough that includes, Minnisink Road Field, Kennedy Field, Veterans Field and the fields located at the PAL.

We realize compliance with the Lightning Detection System will increase once residents and other users of our facilities understand how the system works and what to do when there is a threat of lightning.

This summary about the Lightning Detection System is to educate the public about the system and current policies.

How the Lightning Detection System Works:

- Each field is equipped with a rotating flashing light and a siren.
- When the system detects a lightning strike (within a 10 mile radius) a siren sounds (solid tone) & strobe light is on
- TAKE SHELTER
- After the system determines conditions are safe (30 minutes of no lightning) a siren sounds three five-second intermittent blasts and the strobe light will go off, providing notice that it is safe to resume activity in this area.
- The system is not absolute protection. USE COMMON SENSE.
- SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY IF:
 - You hear on Long Siren
 - You hear thunder (regardless of siren)
 - You see the strobe light on when arriving to the field.

Rules for complying with the Lightning Detection System are posted at the fields.