

Severe Weather Safety

Be Prepared. Plan Ahead.

Severe Weather

All thunderstorms are dangerous regardless of their size because they produce:

Strong Winds... that can exceed 100 mph.

Lightning... occurs with all thunderstorms.

Tornadoes... produce wind speeds in excess of 250 mph.

Hail... causes millions of dollars in property damage every year.

Flash Flooding... the #1 cause of deaths associated with thunderstorms.



Be alert to changing weather conditions. Look for approaching storms. Look for large, dark, storm clouds that may be accompanied by gusty winds and lightning. If you see approaching storms, be prepared to **take shelter immediately!**

Know the Terms

Watch: A thunderstorm or tornado watch is issued whenever conditions exist for severe weather to develop. Watches are usually issued for a large area, such as a part of the state, and are usually two to six hours long. Watches give you time to plan and prepare.

Warning: A thunderstorm or tornado warning is issued by the local National Weather Service Office whenever a tornado or severe thunderstorm has actually been sighted or indicated by radar. Warnings are usually issued for smaller areas such as a county. You must act **immediately** when you first hear the warning.

Keep Informed – Monitor NOAA Weather Radio and local Radio and TV Stations

The NOAA weather radio frequency for the Great Bend tower is: 162.500

KHOK-radio 100.7 FM KVGB-radio 1590 AM Eagle Radio B-104.3 FM KBGL-radio 106.9 FM

KAKE-TV Channel 10

KSNC-TV Channel 3

KWCH-TV Channel 12

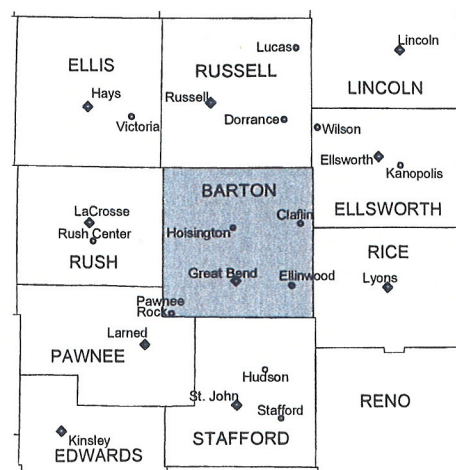
Storm Map

Knowing the immediate region can be important for tracking severe weather in your area. The National Weather Service will issue watches and warnings using county names and often will give the locations of storms by city names.



**Barton County
Emergency Management**

See Reverse Side



2013 Great Bend Farm & Ranch Expo Exhibitors Severe Weather Information

Severe Weather information may be obtained from the "Zoners" who are spaced throughout the Great Bend Farm & Ranch Expo exhibit area. Weather information may also be obtained from the Great Bend Farm & Ranch Show Expo in the Expo I Building.

Please do not call 911 to ask about weather conditions.

Questions about weather conditions may also be made by calling the Great Bend Farm & Ranch Expo Office at 620-792-3217.

In case of severe weather, the **National Guard Armory** will be available for shelter.

