



# TOWN OF WAXHAW WEATHER SAFETY POLICY



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## **I. PURPOSE**

As the Town of Waxhaw's main priority remains the safety of our citizens, the Town holds the right to close facilities and/or cancel, postpone, or relocate activities in the event of storm warnings or inclement weather forecasts. The following guidelines are recommended for all Town of Waxhaw sponsored events, programs, athletics, and outdoor activities in the event of inclement weather.

## **II. RESOURCES**

To ensure weather-related adjustments are supported with proper and accurate information, the Town of Waxhaw will analyze forecasts and information from the following three (3) agencies prior to each activity:

- National Weather Service/NOAA
- The Weather Channel/Weather.com
- Perry Weather
  - The Town of Waxhaw currently holds a contract with the Perry Weather service to provide up-to-the-minute forecast updates and weather information.

The determination to cancel, postpone or relocate an activity is based upon at least two (2) of the above weather agencies forecasting inclement weather conditions during the activity timeline (including setup and breakdown):

- Regional-Large Events (Festivals and Parades):
  - Event status confirmed 48 hours prior to event
- Standard Events (Medium-Small Scope):
  - Event status confirmed 24 hours prior to event

The Town of Waxhaw holds the right to cancel, postpone or reschedule an event or activity at ANY time based upon updated forecasts.

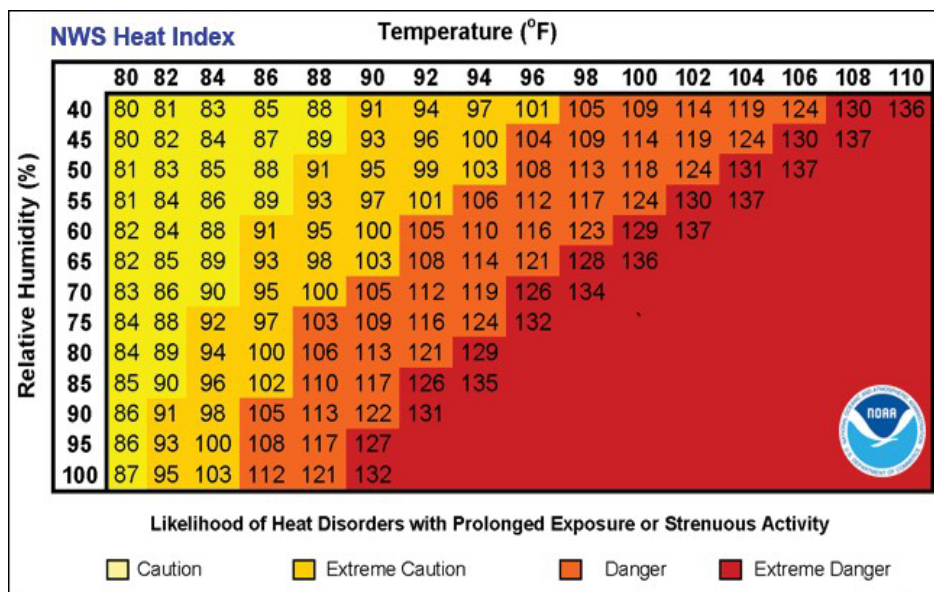
### III. GUIDELINES

The Town of Waxhaw sponsors events, programs, athletics, and outdoor activities. These guidelines are recommendations for closing facilities in the event of storm warnings or inclement weather forecasts, for the health and safety of participants, staff, and volunteers. The Town of Waxhaw reserves the right to close facilities and/or cancel, postpone or relocate activities when weather conditions become unsafe.

### IV. CRITERIA

The Town of Waxhaw will utilize the following criterion when evaluating the potential closure of facilities and/or cancellations, postponements, or relocation of activities due to severe weather conditions:

- Severe Weather Forecast or Act of God
- ≥60% Chance of Rain
- >10% Chance of Lightning
- Wind Above Equipment Safety Levels
- Cold Index: Below 32° F
- Heat Index: DANGER level (Chart Below)



## V. COMMUNICATION

If the inclement weather criteria detailed above is reached, the Town of Waxhaw will provide notification of event, program or activity cancellation, postponement, or relocation via the following platforms:

- Social Media:
  - Town of Waxhaw Facebook ([Link Here](#))
  - Parks and Recreation Facebook ([Link Here](#))
  - Town of Waxhaw Instagram ([Link Here](#))
- Other:
  - Event Cancellation Signage on Site
  - Email/Phone Communication with Event Participants
  - CodeRed Notification, if severe.
    - Text “WAXHAW” to 99411 to enroll in CodeRed Notification/Alerts

All reasonable accommodations will be made to relocate an outdoor activity to an indoor space, if feasible. As activity and event relocation requires heavy logistical and operational planning, the Town of Waxhaw reserves the right to analyze weather forecasts up to two weeks prior to an event, to begin the relocation process. Activity cancellation, postponement and relocation may include, but is not limited to, events, programs, athletics, meetings, gatherings, ceremonies, and all other Town of Waxhaw sponsored engagements. The Town of Waxhaw holds the right to close parks and trails based upon weather forecasts that may impact the safety of park guests or facilities/amenities. Following a determination of closure, the notification guidelines outlined above will be followed to inform the public.

We thank you for your understanding. For further information, please visit [www.Waxhaw.com](http://www.Waxhaw.com) or call 704-843-2195.