

Threat for Strong Tornadoes Today

June 11, 2026
3:34 AM



Key Messages:

There may be two waves of severe storms today:

- Between 11 AM and 3 PM north of I-80 with a primary threat of damaging winds and hail.
- Between 4 and 11 PM from west to east across the entire area with a threat for all hazards

- **There is a threat for strong (EF-2+) tornadoes along and north of I-88 between 4 and 8 PM.**



What Has Changed:

- The threat for tornadoes has increased today.



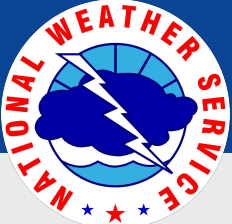
Next Scheduled Update:

- 4 PM CDT Thursday 6/11/2026



Photo: Sandra Mallery Davis



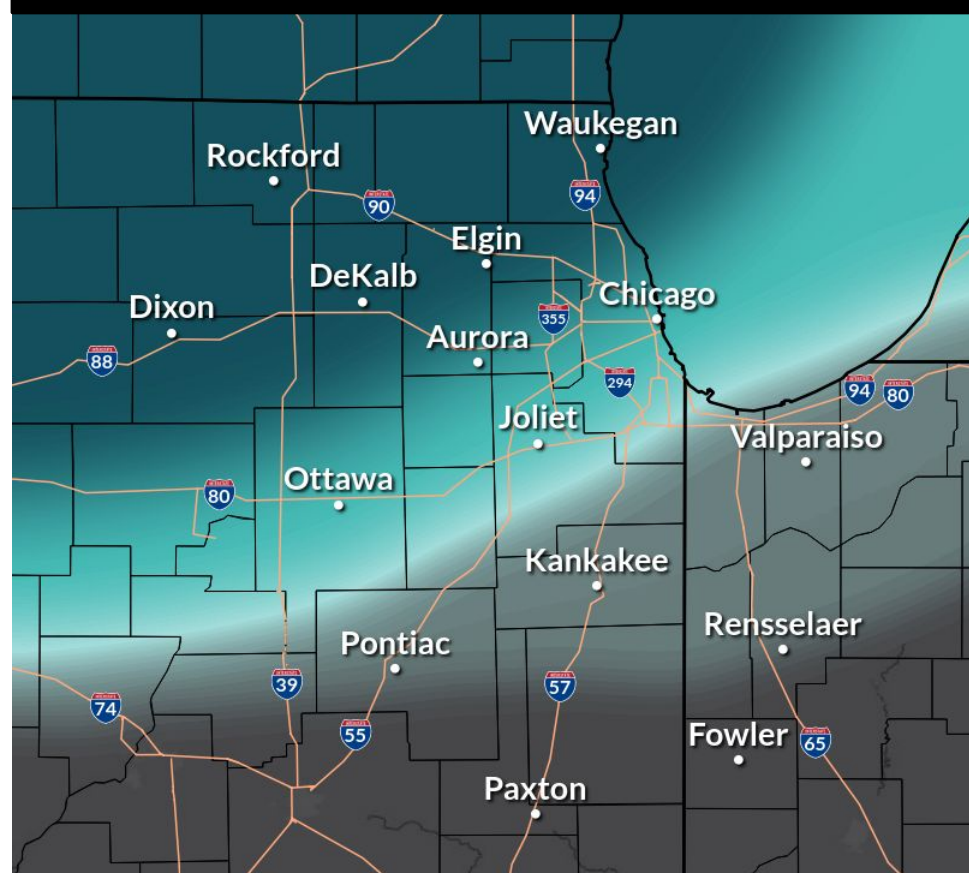


Timing the Severe Weather Threat

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Approximate timing and favored areas for potential rounds of severe weather

11 AM to 3 PM CDT



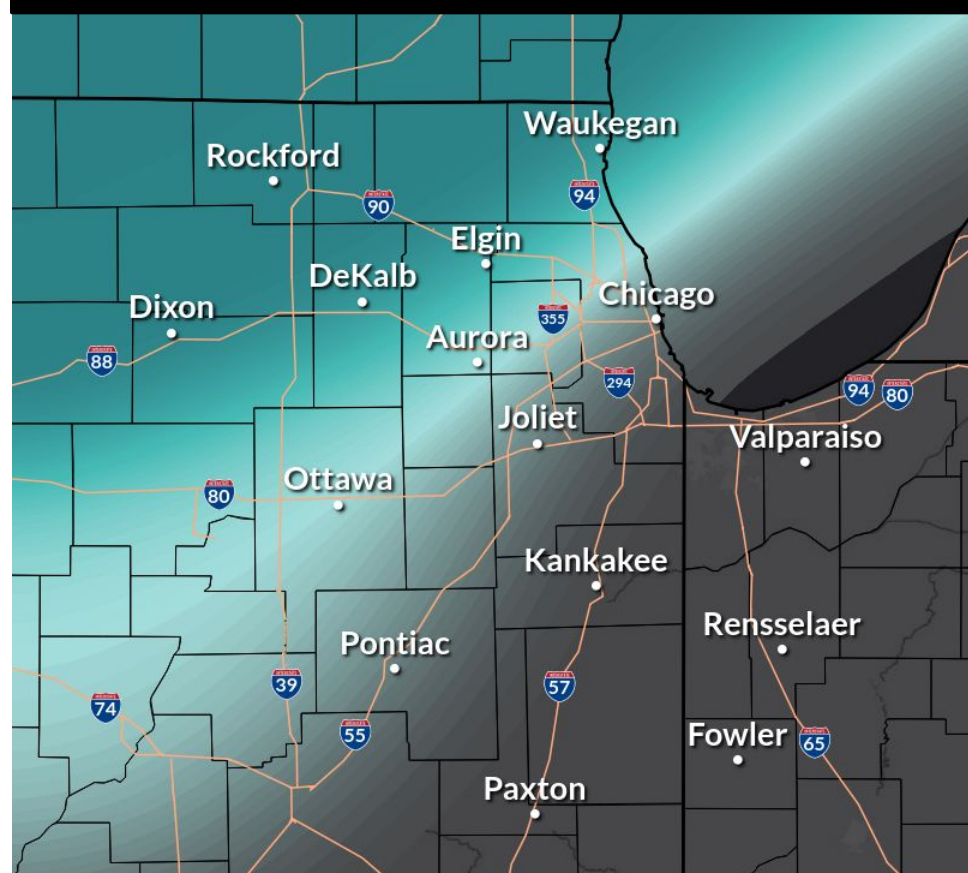
Severe Threat



Flooding Threat



4 PM to 8 PM CDT



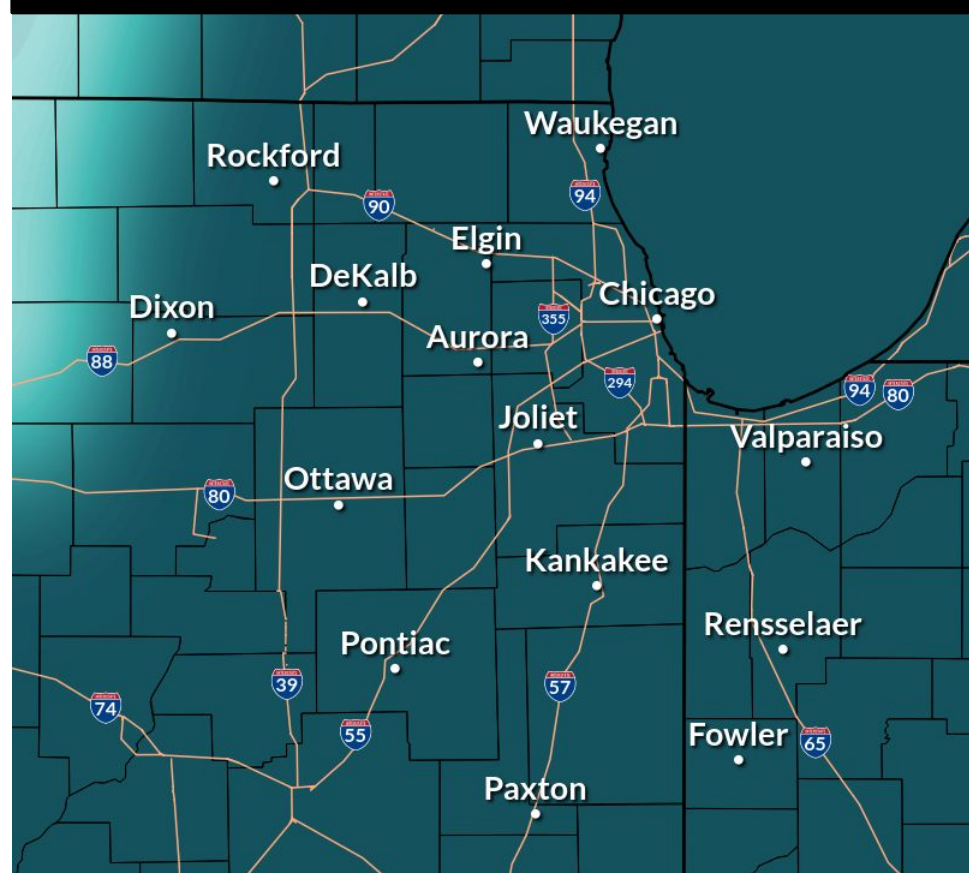
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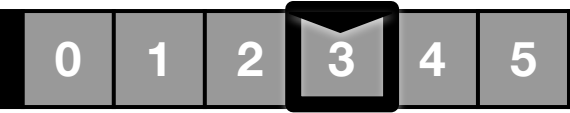
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7 PM to 11 PM CDT



Severe Threat



Flooding Threat



National Oceanic and
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Greater Storm Coverage/Chances



National Weather Service
Chicago, IL



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Greatest threat will be near a warm front near the Illinois and Wisconsin Border

- There is a threat for strong (EF-2+) tornadoes between 4 and 8 PM especially in the **dark red shaded area** along a stalled warm front.
- The threat for tornadoes will be highest if storms can stay discrete, or by themselves.
- The main source of uncertainty is where the warm front will stall this evening. It may be in northern Illinois or southern Wisconsin.

What To Do

- **Take tornado warnings seriously**, and have multiple ways to get warnings this evening.





Individual Severe Hazards Today

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Individual severe weather hazards (primarily focused on 4 PM to 11 PM CDT window)



Tornadoes

Some may be strong (EF-2+)



Damaging Winds

Gusts 60-80+ mph



Damaging Hail

Some ≥ 2 " diameter



Flash Flooding

May be locally significant



What To Do

- ✓ Review your severe weather safety plan.
- ✓ Have multiple ways to get weather warnings.



Photo: Alex Pipkalejs



Average Storm Motion: Northeast at 40-50 mph



Know Where to Go

When Sheltering from a Tornado



If you have no basement, move to an interior room with no windows.

Top floor rooms DO NOT protect you.

Exterior rooms and rooms with windows DO NOT protect you.

NO PLACE OUTSIDE is safe from a tornado.

Quickly move to your basement and bring your emergency supply kit.



weather.gov/safety/tornado

Tornado Sheltering Guidelines

Seek the best available refuge area **immediately** when a Tornado Warning is issued.
Your chance of surviving a tornado is excellent if you follow these guidelines.

WORST OPTIONS

Mobile homes

Vehicles

Underneath a
highway overpass

BAD OPTIONS

Large open rooms
like gymnasiums

Manufactured housing

GOOD OPTIONS

Interior room
of a well-constructed
home or building

Basement

BEST OPTIONS

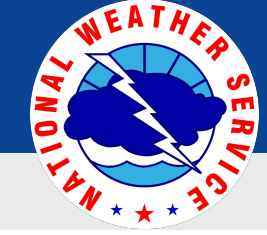
Above or below ground
Tornado Storm Shelter
(NSSA/ICC 500 compliant)*

Specifically-designed
FEMA Safe Room*

Find another option



Stay in place until all clear



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Heat safety tips and resources

