

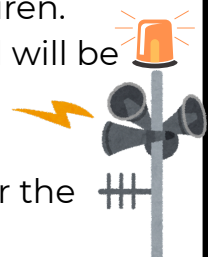


Lightning Detection System

How the Lightning Detection System works

The Lightning Detection System is active from 8am until 10pm, consistent with the hours of field use

- Each field is equipped with a rotating amber beacon (flashing light) and/or siren.
- When the system detects a lightning strike within 10 miles, a text alert/email will be sent to anyone registered to receive electronic alerts.
 - Within approximately 1 minute, the siren will sound for 15 seconds
 - The amber light will also illuminate and rotate. The light will remain on for the duration of the alert.
- Once 30 minutes have passed with no lightning detected in the 10 mile area, an “all clear” signal will broadcast.
 - The “all clear” signal consists of three 5-second alerts on the siren and the amber light will shut off.



What to do when the system is activated?

- While the alert is active the field is closed and users should seek immediate shelter.
 - A safe shelter includes any building (grounded or with plumbing) or any vehicle with a metal roof.
 - Village buildings and schools are only available during business hours.
- Anyone arriving at the field should check to see if the amber light is active, especially when it looks as if others have left the field.
- Encourage others to leave the field and seek shelter.
- Wait for the “all clear” signal before returning to the field.

Remember: It may take longer than 30 minutes for the “all clear” to be given

Your obligation to comply

- All field users have an obligation to comply with the alerts by IMMEDIATELY vacating the field and seeking shelter.
- Vacating the field applies to all coaches, parents, referees/umpires, organized sports participants as well as casual field users and park attendees.
- Shelter refers to the closest buildings/schools (when open), buses and cars.
- Do not seek shelter in the bandshell, pavilions, or under trees.
- Avoid carrying or wearing any metal objects, leave all equipment and supplies where they lay.

Current Locations



The following locations currently have a Lightning Detection System

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| • RHS | • George Washington Middle School | • Willard School |
| • Stevens Field | • Citizen's Field | • Ridge School |
| • Veterans Field | • Habernickel Park | • Travell School |
| • Maple Feld | • Kenilworth Field | |
| • Benjamin Franklin Middle School | • Brookside Field | |
| • Somerville School | • Glen School | |
| • Hawes School | • Orchard School | |

What to do at locations with no Lightning Detection System

- If you see lightning or hear thunder, clear the field immediately and seek shelter.
- Wait 30 minutes from the last lightning strike or sound of thunder before returning to the field.
- Use common sense.



Register to Receive Alerts by Text/Email

- Residents are encouraged to sign up to receive email and/or text alerts directly from the Lightning Detection System.
- These alerts act as a redundant system in the event the sirens or rotating beacons are not functioning.
- These alerts also serve to alert parents who are not present at the field but may have a child at that location.
- To register, email ldsinfo@ridgewoodnj.net with your name, cell phone number and preferred method of notification.

For more information, visit

<https://www.ridgewoodnj.net/343/Lightning-Detection-System>