What Ford County Thinks About the Weather

Preparing for Extreme Weather Events

In Ford County, severe weather can arrive quickly and take many forms. Tornadoes, high winds, hail, and ice can damage homes, disrupt travel, and make it harder to get where we need to go. For residents who rely on transportation to reach work, school, or medical care, these disruptions can create additional challenges.

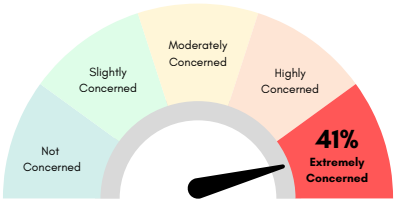
A team of Kansas scientists is looking for ways to help Kansans become resilient during severe weather.

As part of this effort, researchers surveyed thousands of residents about their weather experiences and concerns. The survey findings show the different challenges in each county. Here in Ford County, residents identified tornadoes, high winds, and hail or ice as major concerns. Transportation is also an important part of how residents stay connected to essential services.

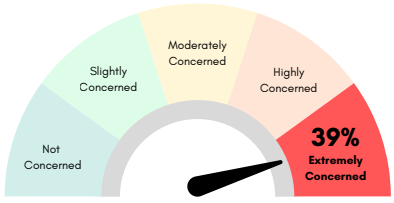


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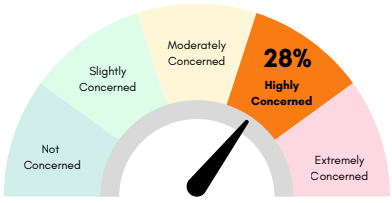
Here's how the numbers stack up for Ford County residents biggest concerns



Tornadoes



High Winds



Hail or Ice

Tornadoes are extremely concerning to 41% of respondents. High winds are extremely concerning to 39% of respondents, and hail or ice is highly concerning to 28%.

Transportation is another important concern during extreme weather events, with 8% of respondents relying on public transportation for school, work, and out-of-area medical appointments.



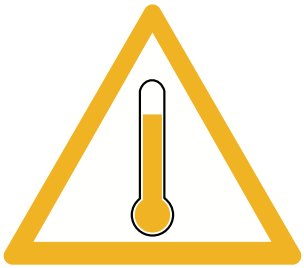
Severe weather can disrupt more than the weather outside.

Tornadoes, high winds, hail, and ice can quickly interrupt daily life in Ford County. Severe storms can make travel difficult, damage property, and affect people's ability to get to work, school, medical appointments, and other important destinations. For residents who depend on transportation services, preparing for severe weather also means thinking ahead about how to reach essential services safely when normal travel is disrupted.

Be prepared for whatever the weather brings! Tornadoes, high winds, hail, and ice can develop quickly or make travel unsafe. Taking a few steps before severe weather arrives can help households respond when conditions change.



- Know where to shelter: Identify a safe location for tornadoes and severe storms before an emergency happens.
- Stay weather aware: Have a reliable way to receive watches, warnings, and changing weather information.
- Prepare for disrupted travel: Think ahead about how severe weather could affect transportation to work, school, or medical appointments.
- Keep emergency supplies ready: Have food, water, medications, flashlights, batteries, and other essentials available.



Kansas scientists are searching for solutions to help residents become resilient to natural hazards.

The team's work is aimed at helping all of Kansas, including rural and vulnerable communities. The goal is to find ways to help you rebound faster and suffer less from large-scale disasters.

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