



# Spring Weather EXTREMES

In Georgia and Florida weather changes minute by minute; rain, wind, tornadoes, and lightning could be just around the corner.

*Spring weather extremes pop up out of nowhere.*

**Just a quick reminder to think about the weather before your crew heads into the woods or on the roads this Spring.**

Changes in temperature during this season can impact work safety. Spring's frequent weather fluctuations and extra rain bring a whole host of extremes. Typically, these could include:

- Thunderstorms • Lightning • Extreme wet weather or flooding
- High winds or tornadoes

Weather can affect working conditions greatly and pose “code red” workplace hazards. So, it's important that your crew is aware of the potential hazards raised by these weather extremes.

Communication is key during these adverse weather events. Remind crew members, of your companies policies regarding potential weather hazards. Consider discussing:

- Working with overhead wires in the wind/rain
- Driving in adverse weather conditions (wind, rain, fog)
- Slips, trips, and falls
- Being mindful of loose debris or falling objects in high winds
- Using (or not using!) power tools in extreme weather conditions
- Operating dangerous tools according to the manufacturer's instructions in adverse conditions
- The dangers of working outside in a thunderstorm
- Downed power line safety

Take a few minutes and revisit the topics above with your crew and talk about your companies best practices in these situations.



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