



## Office of Emergency Management List Description

*\*NOTICE: Emergency alert messages provided by Thornton's T-mail system for severe weather should only be relied upon as a supplemental notification service. It's important for people to know that the most effective and primary method for people to receive weather alerts is by using a NOAA weather radio and by monitoring KOA radio and their local network TV news outlets.*

These T-Alert notices are related to major snow storms and blizzards of nine inches or more; tornado warnings and alerts by the National Weather Service (NWS); information of heavy rain ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " per hour or more), hail with possible flooding; major fires; hazardous material spills; major vehicle crashes with road closures lasting more than two hours; and other incidents.



**Tornado Alerts** = Information, warnings and alerts from the National Weather Service of the Thornton area. If a tornado touches down, where in Thornton it has been and areas that have been cordoned off.



**Major Snow Storm and Blizzards** = Information concerning the forecast for the Thornton Area of snow greater than 9", and the City's activities on snow clearing of roads and current conditions.



**Heavy rain, flooding, or Hail** = Information provided about the approach of possible heavy rain (more than  $\frac{1}{2}$ " per hour) and/or hail with possible flooding, and road closures due to flooding.



**Major Structures and Grass Fires** = Information concerning major fires in the Thornton area, and its location (including the direction of the smoke), what roadways that are closed and for how long.



**Hazardous Material Spills** = Information concerning the location of a hazardous material spill, what areas to avoid and what roadways are closed and for how long.



**Major Vehicles Crashes and Road Closures** = Information about the location of major vehicle crashes that will close a roadway for more than two hours, with alternate routes suggested.

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