

Rotary Peach Festival 2026

Severe Weather Procedures and Emergency Preparedness

In the event of severe weather or other emergency, the Peach Festival organizers (“the organizers”) will suspend the Festival.

The organizers will continually check *The Weather Channel* for evidence of storm activity. The Weather Channel shows storm predictions from the National Weather Service and a radar map of rain events and storms. It also issues warnings of approaching storms. If *The Weather Channel* issues a storm warning for Fort Collins while the Festival is open to the public OR *The Weather Channel* radar shows a storm within 8 miles of Civic Center Park:

- The organizers will direct security personnel to open the two emergency exits on the steps to LaPorte in the Northeast corner of the park and at the south end of Howes Street. The two regular entrances/exits will remain open.
- The organizers shall stop the music and announce from the stage through the sound system that the Festival is to be suspended for a period of time
- Festival goers shall be advised to immediately seek shelter in the car park at LaPorte/Mason and directed to the exits by security personnel
- Festival vendors, musicians, and volunteers will gather under the Larimer County Courthouse overhang
- When the storm has passed at least 8 miles away vendors, musicians, and volunteers will be advised to re-start operations
- Once the Festival is ready to re-open the organizers will announce their decision on the music sound system, and then re-start the music to announce to the public that the Festival is back in operation.

If a non-weather emergency event occurs, the organizers shall suspend the Festival following the same procedures. The off-duty police officers hired for the festival will advise the organizers the Festival should be suspended.