



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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### **5:20 AM UPDATE: Severe Thunderstorm Warning issued for Kaua'i; impacts may include Kekaha, Waimea, Kikiaola Harbor, and Pākalā Village**

The National Weather Service has issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Kaua'i. The warning may be extended, dropped or modified as conditions develop. At 5:13 a.m., a severe thunderstorm was located just southwest of Kekaha, moving northeast at 10 miles per hour.

Impacts may include, but are not limited to, Kekaha, Waimea, Kikiaola Harbor, and Pākalā Village on the Westside of the island.

A Severe Thunderstorm Warning means a Severe Thunderstorm is imminent torrential rainfall is occurring with this storm, and may lead to flash flooding. For your protection move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a building. Stay away from windows.

Severe Thunderstorms have the potential to produce gusts that may reach over 60 miles per hour, with damages to roofs, siding, and trees.

Do not drive your vehicle through flooded roadways. Ponding, low visibility and other hazardous driving conditions are expected.

Kūhiō Highway in the vicinity of the Hanalei Bridge remains closed until further notice due to elevated river levels.

Additionally, a public shelter is open at Hanalei Elementary School.

For updates on road conditions and closures, please call 241-1725. Please do not call Kaua'i police 911 unless you have an emergency.



For weather updates call the National Weather Service automated weather line at 245-6001, or visit the NWS website, [www.weather.gov/hawaii](http://www.weather.gov/hawaii).

To sign up for Blackboard Connect, the county's emergency notification service, please go to the county's website, [www.kauai.gov](http://www.kauai.gov), or call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency at 241-1800.

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