

Lightning Detection in Harrington Park

A Lightning Detection System provides early warning of lightning throughout our parks and school fields. The newly installed lightning detection's alarm system, administered by Strike Guard Lightning Warning System, consists of a horn and a strobe light, covering an area that is roughly 700 yards.

When lightning up to 10 miles away is detected, the signals will be activated. The detector, located centrally in Norwood, will send a signal to remote devices located in all participating Northern Section municipalities which consist of Old Tappan, Northvale, Norwood and Harrington Park. The Southern Section municipalities consist of Demarest, Haworth and Closter. This system is made up of a solar panel, a detection box, sirens, speakers and a strobe light.

In Harrington Park, three fields have been outfitted with the emergency notification devices:

- Harrington Park School
- Highland Field
- Pongside Park

When first activated, residents will hear three blasts of the siren and a strobe light will flash and continue to flash until no lightning is detected for 30 minutes. The "all clear" signal to notify residents that it is safe to return to the fields or parks is one siren blast and the deactivation of the strobe lights. Until hearing the "all clear" signal, residents must go to their vehicles or a permanent structure for shelter.