



METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF ZIMBABWE



Scattered thunderstorms with possible hailstones



Urgency: Immediate



Severity: Minor



Certainty: Likely

Issued:

Wed 28 Oct 2026
13:15

Effective:

Mon 26 Oct 2026
16:00

Onset:

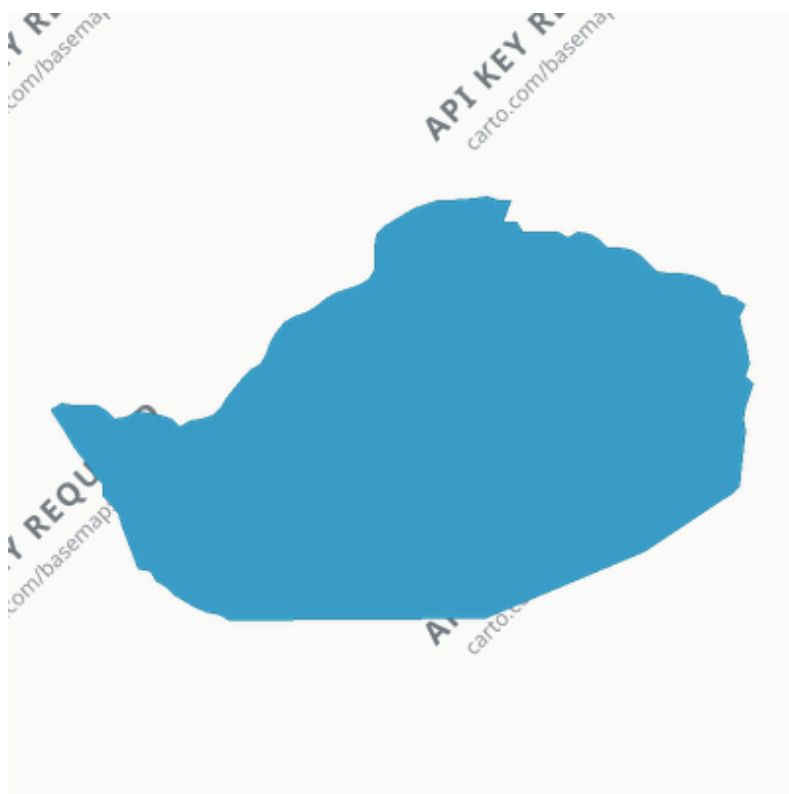
Tue 27 Oct 2026
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Expires:

Thu 29 Oct 2026
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Area:

The Northern and Eastern areas



Description:

From Tuesday afternoon, 27 October 2026 scattered thunderstorms, with possible hail, are expected over Matabeleland North and South, Bulawayo Metropolitan, Midlands, Masvingo and southern parts of Manicaland. On Wednesday, 28 October cool, moist south easterly winds will bring more stable conditions to the southern half of the country, while thunderstorms shift northwards, affecting Harare Metropolitan, northern parts of Manicaland and all Mashonaland provinces through Thursday, 29 October 2026 with possible localised heavy downpours. Daily updates will be provided through official media channels, and residents are strongly urged to follow guidance issued by the Department of Civil Protection.

Instruction:

The public is advised to take these precautionary measures during violent storms: - Seek shelter indoors immediately when thunderstorms approach. - Avoid sheltering under trees, especially during lightning and strong winds. - Stay away from windows, doors and verandas during storms. - Avoid open fields, hilltops and other exposed areas during lightning. - Never walk, swim or drive through flooded roads, rivers or streams. - Move to higher ground when flooding threatens homes or communities. - Secure roofing sheets, doors, windows and loose outdoor objects before storms arrive. - Park vehicles away from trees, power lines and unstable structures. - Switch off and unplug electrical appliances when safe to do so. - Keep away from fallen power lines and report them to the relevant authorities. - Avoid unnecessary travel during heavy rainfall, strong winds and poor visibility. - Keep children indoors and away from rivers, dams and drainage channels. - Move livestock away from flood-prone areas and riverbanks. - Avoid working in fields or operating machinery during thunderstorms. - Monitor official weather forecasts and warnings issued by the Meteorological Services Department (MSD). - Follow evacuation instructions from the Department of Civil Protection. - Keep emergency supplies, including drinking water, a torch, a first-aid kit and a charged mobile phone. - Assist elderly people, children and persons with disabilities to reach safe shelter. - Remain indoors until the storm has passed and wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before resuming outdoor activities.