

Top Five Costliest Lightning Events in Wisconsin

Rank	Location	Date-Time	Cost \$	Description
1	Kenosha, Milwaukee Co.	Aug 24, 2007- 11:15am CDT	14.0 M	Several lightning strikes to several buildings caused structural fires and power outages. Storm was a super cell that did produce tornadoes and large hail. No deaths/injuries reported.
2	Wausau, Marathon Co.	Oct 6, 2007- Morning hours	8.3 M	Lightning hit power plant (this is the 2 nd event; first was August 2006) Power plant is out of service until early 2008. No deaths/injuries reported.
3	Schofield, Marathon Co.	Aug 23, 2008- 2:29am CDT	8.0 M	Lightning caused a fire at the Gordon Aluminum Industries in Schofield. The fire destroyed a row of offices and generated enough heat to incapacitate nearby machinery. In addition to fire damage at the plant, \$300 M worth of unfinished aluminum had varying degrees of corrosion as a result. The lightning strike rattled residences in the area. A blown gas main valve near the source of the fire served to fuel the blaze.
4	Hartland, Waukesha Co.	Nov 5, 2007- 8:00pm CDT	1.1 M	Hail associated storm. Lightning struck a home in the Town of Merton (1.7m north of Hartland in Waukesha Co.) just east of Beaver Lake. The resultant fire quickly burned the expensive home to the ground. No one was home at the time. No deaths/injuries reported
5	Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co.	Jul 21, 1997- 3:00am CDT	1.0 M	Lightning caused a massive fire at a towing business on the south side of Milwaukee. The building and its contents were a total loss. No deaths/injuries reported.
	Trevor, Kenosha Co.	Sept 29, 2002- 6:00am CDT	1.0 M	Lightning struck a cork-producing business and probably produced sparks that ignited insulation in the attic. A slow burning fire resulted, and eventually became a major fire. No deaths/injuries reported.
	Sturtevant, Racine Co.	Jul 6, 2003- 11:40am CDT	1.0 M	Storm produced powerful downbursts and 4 weak tornadoes. Lightning struck a home in Middleton, resulting in roof/attic fire. No deaths/injuries reported as a cause of the lightning.