



TORNADO PREPARATION

Tornado preparation is crucial for protecting lives and minimizing damage when severe weather strikes. Tornadoes can develop quickly and with little warning, making it essential to have a plan in place ahead of time. Being prepared means knowing where to take shelter, having an emergency kit ready, and staying informed through weather alerts. Proper preparation can significantly reduce the risk of injury and ensure your family stays safe during a tornado.

Checklist

- Identify a safe room or storm shelter (interior room on the lowest floor, away from windows)
- Practice tornado drills with your family
- Sign up for local emergency alerts and weather apps
- Prepare an emergency kit (include water, food, flashlight, batteries, first aid, whistle, meds, and cash)
- Keep important documents in a waterproof, portable container
- Know your local tornado risk and warning systems (watch vs. warning)
- Trim trees and secure outdoor items that could become projectiles
- Anchor or reinforce mobile homes and sheds
- Make a communication plan in case family members are separated
- Store sturdy shoes, blankets, and helmets in or near your safe room



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