



TORNADO GUIDE

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PREPARE

- Make an **Emergency Plan**: Set a plan with your family to know how to contact one another and reconnect if separated.
- Make an **Emergency Supply Kit**: Having enough food, water, and other supplies is crucial in case of an emergency. 72HRS offers various Emergency Kits. Choose one that best suits your needs.
- Consider installing **permanent shutters** to cover windows for quick protection.
- Strengthen garage doors** to prevent damage from flying debris.
- Make trees more wind-resistant** by removing diseased or damaged limbs and strategically trimming branches.

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AFTER

- Return home only when **authorities declare it safe** to do so.
- Stay updated with local news** or a NOAA Weather Radio for instructions and information.
- Check for injuries** and provide first aid if trained until emergency responders arrive.

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DURING

- Pay attention to weather statements broadcasted by radio and television stations. Keep a **NOAA radio** in your emergency kit.
- Seek shelter in an underground shelter, basement, or safe room. If unavailable, move to a small, windowless interior room or hallway on the lowest level of a sturdy building.
- Watch for tornado danger signs, such as dark, often greenish clouds.
- If unable to reach a shelter quickly, **get into a vehicle** and try to drive to the nearest sturdy shelter. Remember to buckle your seat belt.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- The best time to prepare for any disaster is before it happens.
- No mobile home, however configured, is safe in a tornado.
- In a high-rise building, pick a hallway in the center of the building for safety.
- Learn the difference between a Tornado WATCH and a WARNING.

