

10 TWISTER TIPS

You never know when or where the next tornado could touch down, which is why preparing now is so important.

Follow these ten tips so that when a twister rolls in, you can hold out.

1 Be sure to store at least 3 days worth of food and water per person in your family.

2 The safest place to hide during a twister is in a basement or other underground shelter. Decide beforehand where your family will hide.

3 During a tornado, the safest place in a room is in the very middle. Corners attract debris, and doors and windows can blow open.

4 If you're in your car, and can't find shelter quickly: pull over, keep your seatbelt on, stay low, and cover your head with your hands or a blanket.

5 Stay tuned in to TV, radio, and NOAA weather radio broadcasts. They can give important updates and instructions.

6 Avoid hiding under bridges or overpasses. Protection is minimal, and traffic problems could ensue.

7 If indoors, find a large desk or table to hide under.

8 If you're stuck outside, find a low, flat area away from trees and buildings. Lie down and cover your head with your hands.

9 Avoid hiding in buildings such as shopping malls or stadiums. Their large roofs are more likely to collapse during a tornado.

10 After a tornado, be sure to take pictures of any damage to your property. Photos will be helpful when filing insurance claims.