

Tornado Preparedness Checklist

Create a Tornado Emergency Plan

- ✓ Identify a safe shelter location (basement, storm cellar, or interior room)
 - ✓ Establish a family communication plan
 - ✓ Practice tornado drills regularly
 - ✓ Teach children how to cover their heads and necks
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Stay Informed

- ✓ Sign up for weather alerts on your phone
 - ✓ Keep a battery-powered or hand-crank NOAA weather radio
 - ✓ Follow local weather reports and emergency broadcasts
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Prepare Your Home

- ✓ Secure loose outdoor items (patio furniture, grills, etc.)
 - ✓ Trim trees and remove dead branches
 - ✓ Reinforce garage doors and windows
 - ✓ Install storm shutters or use plywood for protection
 - ✓ Consider building a safe room or storm shelter
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Stock Your Emergency Kit

Water & Food

- ✓ 1 gallon of water per person per day (for at least 3 days)
- ✓ Non-perishable food (for at least 3 days)

Communication & Light

- ✓ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- ✓ Flashlights and extra batteries
- ✓ Whistle to signal for help

First Aid & Personal Care

- ✓ First aid kit (bandages, antiseptic, gauze)
- ✓ Prescription medications and medical supplies
- ✓ Personal hygiene items (soap, hand sanitizer, toothbrush)

Safety & Tools

- ✓ Multi-tool or wrench to turn off utilities
- ✓ Duct tape and plastic sheeting (for temporary repairs)
- ✓ Work gloves and sturdy shoes
- ✓ Dust masks

Personal Items

- ✓ Important documents (IDs, insurance policies) in a waterproof container
- ✓ Extra cash (in small bills)
- ✓ Spare phone charger and power bank
- ✓ Extra clothing and blankets

Pet Supplies

- ✓ Food, water, and medications for pets
 - ✓ Leash or carrier
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🏠 During a Tornado

- ✓ Go to your designated shelter immediately
 - ✓ Protect your head and neck with your arms or a helmet
 - ✓ Stay away from windows and doors
 - ✓ Crouch low and face the floor
 - ✓ Avoid staying in a car or under an overpass
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🔧 After a Tornado

- ✓ Check for injuries and provide first aid if needed
 - ✓ Avoid downed power lines and report gas leaks
 - ✓ Take photos of any damage for insurance claims
 - ✓ Contact family and emergency services
 - ✓ Be cautious when cleaning up debris
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🖨️ **Print this checklist and keep it in your emergency kit!**

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