

Preparedness Roundup

“Tornado Safety”

Safety Messaging

- **At home, at school, or in the office?** The safest place for you to be is in an underground shelter, safe room, or basement. If none of these are an option, take shelter in a small, windowless interior room on the lowest level of your building. If you live in a mobile home, go to the nearest sturdy building in your area.
- **On the road?** Be sure to buckle up, then drive your vehicle to the nearest sturdy building and seek shelter. If flying debris occurs while driving, pull over, park, and stay in the car with your seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows and cover up with a thick jacket or blanket.
- **What happens afterwards?** Continue listening to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for updates on the situation. If you were out of the house and your neighborhood was in the path of a tornado, wait to return home until after authorities tell you that it is safe to do so. Be cautious of downed power lines, gas leaks and sharp debris. Stay out of damaged buildings since they may collapse well after a storm has passed.



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Preparedness Tips

- **Download the Tornado App.** Visit your app store for a free download!
- **Practice your plan.** Pick a safe room in your home where household members and pets may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. Be sure to include all family members when you practice your tornado drills.
- **Know the difference.** A **tornado watch** indicates that a tornado may form in or near the area. A **tornado warning** means that a tornado has been spotted on weather radar and that there is an imminent danger to life and property; if one is issued in your area, go immediately to a safe room.
- **Stay informed.** During any storm, listen to the local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed. If you have the Tornado app, be sure to keep your phone nearby.



[Tornado Safety Video](#)

Next Week's Roundup:
Heat Awareness Day &
Boating Safety Week

**Reminder: May 15th is
Int'l Water Safety Day**

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