

WHAT TO DO AFTER A TORNADO

Be sure the storm has passed before you leave your shelter. Always use extreme caution. Warning sirens DO NOT sound an “all clear”. This information will come only from radio and TV broadcasts.

At home, check for:

INJURED OR MISSING PEOPLE

- * Don't move anyone who is seriously injured
- * Apply basic first aid
- * Notify local Emergency Medical Service

GAS LEAKS

- * Use a flashlight—not matches or lanterns
- * Leave the home immediately if you suspect a gas leak
- * Don't use the phone, call from a neighbor's house

ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

- * Don't use your electricity if you suspect damaged or wet wiring
- * NEVER approach downed power line, they may still contain electricity

Outside your home:

- CHECK for structural damage
- WATCH OUT for falling debris and broken glass
- STAY AWAY from downed power lines
- ENTER buildings with caution, danger may be hidden
- Use FLASHLIGHTS ONLY

BE PREPARED

Always keep emergency supplies on hand. Store these supplies and a list of all your valuables in the basement or other safe location. Water and food supplies should be sufficient to last several days for all members of the household plus two.

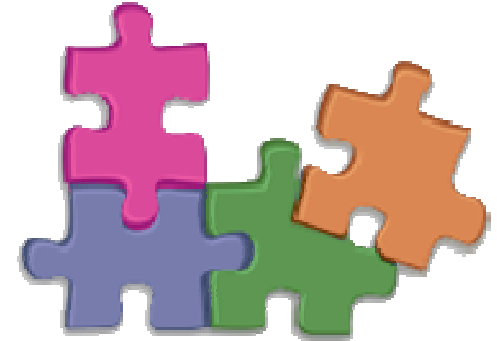
EMERGENCY SUPPLIES SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Portable battery powered AM & FM radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Water, stored in air-tight containers
- Food (canned or dry)
- Tools (wrenches to shut off utilities, pliers, etc.)
- Blankets or sleeping mats
- Pail with cover
- ABC fire extinguisher
- Can opener, spoons, etc.
- Extra clothing and shoes
- First Aid Kit:
 - * First Aid handbook
 - * Assorted bandages and dressings
 - * Aspirin or substitute
 - * Prescription medicines
 - * Thermometer
 - * Scissors and tweezers
 - * Soap
 - * Sterile gauze pads and rolls of gauze

For additional information, including home study courses to better prepare you for emergencies and disasters, contact:

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Are you Puzzled By A TORNADO WARNING?



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ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A TORNADO WARNING?



Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air in contact with the ground and extending from the base of the thunderstorm. Tornadoes have been called “twisters” and “cyclones”, but these words are all synonyms for the most violent storm on earth. With winds speeds up to 300 miles per hour, tornadoes can strike quickly and with deadly force. Within seconds they can severely damage property and cause injury and death.

The Butler County Department of Emergency Management/Homeland Security has developed the following guidelines to help reduce the danger to the public in the event of a TORNADO WARNING. Keep this brochure handy and discuss it with your family so everyone knows what to do if an emergency situation develops.

If there is a TORNADO WARNING, you will be warned by the National Weather Service through local authorities, the news media, and NOAA Weather Alert Radio. Use local radio stations to gain important information. Follow carefully the directions given by the radio and television stations during the emergency.

WATCH means that severe weather is possible. Keep Alert! Listen to your NOAA radio or local radio and TV for National Weather Service bulletins. Prepare to take shelter in the event of a TORNADO WARNING.

WARNING means that a tornado has been detected by radar or reported by a trained spotter. If it is in your area, **TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY.**

You must act quickly when a TORNADO WARNING is issued. Stay calm, but move to safety as quickly as possible. While there is no place that is 100% safe from a tornado, certain places are safer than others.

IN HOMES. The basement offers the greatest safety. Seek shelter under sturdy furniture if possible. In homes without basements, take cover in the center part of the house, on the lowest floor, in a small room such as a closet or bathroom, or under sturdy furniture. Keep away from windows.

IN SHOPPING CENTERS. Go to a designated shelter area (not your parked car).

IN SCHOOLS. Follow advance plans to an interior hallway on the lowest floor. If the building is not of reinforced construction, go to a nearby one that is, or take cover outside on low protected ground. Stay out of auditoriums, gymnasiums, and other structures with wide, free-span roofs.

IN AUTOMOBILIES. Leave your car and seek shelter in a substantial nearby building, or lie flat in a nearby ditch or ravine.

IN OPEN COUNTRY. Lie flat in the nearest ditch or ravine.

MOBILE HOMES. These are particularly vulnerable and should be evacuated. Trailer parks should have a community storm shelter and a warden to monitor emergency broadcasts throughout the severe storm emergency.



If there is no shelter, leave the trailer and take cover on low, protected ground.

WHEREVER YOU ARE, always.....

GET LOW to the ground. Crouch or lie flat.

PROTECT YOUR HEAD. Get under a table or bench and cover up with a blanket, pillow, mattress or your hands.

STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS. Broken glass is the most dangerous kind of flying debris. Don't worry about opening or closing windows. Seek safety instead.

STAY CLEAR OF doors, outside walls, heavy objects, corridors, long-span rooms or auditoriums.

PLEASE:

- Do not listen to or spread rumors
 - Do not use the telephone except of emergencies
 - Do not to go school to pick up your children. They will be safe with school officials who are prepared to take care of them. If you go to school, it will cause traffic problems and hamper the protective actions officials need to take.
 - Do not try to call your child's school
- TORNADO WEATHER WARNING SIGN**

Prepare to take shelter if you notice:

- ◇ Heavy, dark, storm clouds
- ◇ Hail and/or heavy rain
- ◇ Thunder and lightning

Take shelter **IMMEDIATELY** if you notice:

- ◇ Twisting, funnel-shaped clouds
- ◇ Large hail
- ◇ Loud, roaring noise like a train or plane
- ◇ Strong winds