

Tornadoes

Tornadoes are violent, rotating cylinders of air that can reach speeds in excess of 300 mph, be more than a mile wide, and cover approximately 50 miles during destruction. They can appear suddenly and with little warning

Things to Know:

Tornado Watch: Conditions are right to have a tornado. Maintain a close look out for changes in the sky.

Tornado Warning: This means there is an actual tornado reported or radar indicates one could develop within a few minutes.



During a Tornado:

- Basements, inner rooms, and storm cellars provide the best protection.
- Stay away from doors and windows. Stay in center of the room.
- If in a vehicle, get out and go into a strong building if possible. If not, lie in a flat ditch or low area and cover your head.
- Do NOT go under overpasses. Wind speeds increase and can cause serious injuries.
- If you live in a mobile home, get out immediately. Take shelter in a building with a strong foundation.
- Listen to the radio and watch television reports.

After a Tornado:

- Stay out of damaged buildings.
- Help others that might be trapped or injured.
- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Be aware of possible water, gas, or oil leaks.
- Listen to radio or television reports for further instructions.



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