

WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

FLOODS:

FLOOD/FLASH FLOOD WATCH

Flooding or flash flooding is possible in your area.

FLOOD/FLASH FLOOD WARNING

Flooding or flash flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in your area.

THUNDERSTORMS:

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH - Severe thunderstorms are possible in and near the watch area. Stay informed and be ready to act if a severe thunderstorm warning is issued

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING - Severe thunderstorms has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property.

TORNADOES:

TORNADO WATCH -

Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans, check supplies, and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives!

TORNADO WARNING -

A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Tornado warnings indicated imminent danger to life and property. Go immediately under ground to a basement, storm cellar, or an interior room (closet, hallway, or bathroom)

DURING A TORNADO

If you are in:	Then:
A structure (e.g. residence, small building, school, nursing home, hospital, factory, shopping center, high-rise building)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · In a high-rise building, go to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Put on sturdy shoes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not open windows.
A trailer or mobile home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.
The outside with no shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · If your vehicle is hit by flying debris while you are driving, pull over and park.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Stay in the car with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows; cover your head with your hands and a blanket, coat or other cushion if possible.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, leave your car and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.

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