

What to do for a

# TORNADO

## BEFORE

- Build a family emergency kit with food and water
- Be alert to changing weather conditions and watch for approaching storms
- Look for weather signs like:
  - » Dark, sometimes greenish skies
  - » Large hail
  - » A large, dark, low-lying cloud system
  - » A loud roar, sometimes described as a train
- Listen to local weather stations and emergency instructions
- Consider building a safe room in your home

## DURING

- Go to your safe-room or shelter
- Do not open the windows
- Get to the lowest possible level of a home
- If you are in a trailer or mobile home, find a more sturdy shelter
- If you are in your vehicle, buckle up and place your head below the windows of the car - ideally underneath a blanket
- Do not get under an overpass or bridge
- Never try to outrun the tornado in urban or congested areas
- Watch for flying debris - debris cause the majority of fatalities and injuries during a tornado

## AFTER

- Continue to monitor the weather on a radio or television
- Be cautious when entering any structure
- Never use generators inside an enclosed area
- Be aware of foreign hazards when cleaning you home
- Wear sturdy boots or shoes, long sleeves and gloves when cleaning
- Respond to requests for volunteer assistance

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