Tornados



The Essentials of Your Tornado Safety Kit

After a tornado passes, there may be a delay in how quickly emergency services can reach you and your family. Power lines may be down and roads may be blocked. Having a transportable safety kit prepared and easily accessible can help keep you safe and comfortable.



Suggested items for your tornado safety kit include:

- **First aid kit.** Include prescription medications, over-the-counter painkillers, rubbing alcohol, eye wash kit and vomit-inducing medication in case of accidental poisoning.
- Water. Enough to last every member of your family at least three days. (One gallon per person per day)
- Food. Dried goods, energy bars, canned goods that do not need heating. (Enough for each person to eat for three days)
- Flashlights.
- Whistle. Whistles can be used to signal and direct attention during and after a tornado passes.
- Battery- or crank-powered radio.
- Batteries.
- Cash. Do not rely on ATMs, as power may be down.
- Blankets and extra clothing.
- **Personal hygiene.** Include toilet paper, hand towels, feminine products, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer and, if there is a young child, diapers.
- Pet supplies.
- Sleeping bags and tent.
- **Tools.** A small toolbox with the basic essentials and a pair of work gloves.

