



Spring Weather



Fast Facts for Preparedness

Spring weather can be unpredictable. When severe weather hits unexpectedly, the risk of injury and death increases, so planning makes sense. Prepare for **storms, tornadoes and floods** as if you know in advance they are coming, because in the spring, they very likely will. (CDC,2019)

Emergency Supply Materials

- Water, one gallon per person per day for at least 3 days
- Food, at least 3 days of non perishable food
- Battery powered Weather Radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- First Aid Supplies
- Local Maps
- Important family documents and contacts
- Dust mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food
- Prescription Medicines
- Sleeping bag & blankets
- Pet food & extra water
- Extra clothing

Monitor Weather Forecasts:

Advisory: Be aware that bad weather is likely

Watch: Be prepared for bad weather to happen, likelihood of conditions are increasing

Warning: Severe weather is imminent or already occurring, take whatever precautions necessary

Stay Informed! Download a weather app and sign up for alerts

Family Communication Plan

Involve the whole family in the conversation. Develop an emergency preparedness plan, identify important contacts and relocation points. Review where your emergency supplies are stored, and make sure they know how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity in your home and when doing so is necessary.



Protect your skin! Don't forget to apply sunscreen and bug repellent while spending time out doors.

Weather Safety



Lightning / Thunderstorms

When you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within six miles of you and is dangerous. Seek shelter immediately.

TIP: When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Tornados

Danger Signs

- Powerful thunderstorms
- Dark, greenish sky
- Large hail
- Large, dark low-laying clouds
- Loud roar

If you are outside:

Get into a vehicle and buckle your seat belt. Put your head down below the windows and cover your head.

If there is no car or shelter, try to find a ditch or area lower than the ground and lie down.

If you are inside:

Go to a safe room such as a basement, cellar or lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to an inside room like a closet or hallway. Stay away from corners, windows, doors & outside walls. Do not open windows. Put on sturdy shoes, always protect your head.

Flooding

Keep important documents in a waterproof container. Create password-protected digital copies. Protect your property. Move valuables to higher levels. De-clutter drains and gutters. Install check valves. Consider a sump pump with a battery.

- If your vehicle is trapped in rapidly moving water, then stay inside. If water is rising inside the vehicle, then seek refuge on the roof.
- If trapped in a building, then go to its highest level. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising floodwater. Go on the roof only if necessary. Once there, signal for help

Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don't Drown!

After a Storm

Assess your surroundings for danger:

- Watch for downed power lines that are still live
 - Look out for broken glass, nails and other sharp debris
- Check on your neighbors



Prepare & Stay Aware!

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