

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A TORNADO

Understand the Difference Between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning:



TORNADO WATCH

Conditions are prime for a tornado. During a tornado watch, it's important to pay attention to weather and emergency notifications.



TORNADO WARNING

A tornado has been sighted and/or picked up on radar. During a tornado warning, immediately seek shelter.

Be Ready: Make a Plan

Identify a safe space to shelter at your home or business in the event of a tornado. Ideally, this place should be in a basement or in a bathroom or interior room that does not have windows.

If you live in a mobile home, identify an alternative shelter at a nearby building.

If you live in an apartment or work in a multi-story building, shelter in the basement or, if it doesn't have one, in the hallway of the lowest story.

Build a Tornado Preparedness Kit

A basic preparedness kit will help you be ready for any eventuality. Below is a list of basic supplies we recommend having on hand. Homeowners should store this kit in their basement safe spot for easy access during a tornado:

Flashlights with fresh batteries and/or hand crank lantern

First aid kit

Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert

Extra batteries (the size you need to power your flashlight and radio)

Water

Non-perishable food (canned food, snack bars and dried fruit all good options)

Manual can opener

Cell phone chargers and an external battery pack (power bank)

This list is not exhaustive. Depending on the members of your family, you may need to add additional items to your tornado preparedness kit. Keep in mind specialized supplies/medicines for the very young, very old or those with health problems.

[Learn more about building an emergency kit.](#)

If you've experienced damage to your home or business because of a tornado or any extreme weather event, choose Rainbow International. Our local restoration and remediation experts are here during your time of need. From board-up and tarp-over services to water damage mitigation and full-service reconstruction, you can trust our IICRC-certified technicians to work diligently to repair your home.

Let's find your *"Happily. Even after."* the storm.

