



Don't take chances with tornadoes

A Tornado Readiness Checklist

Tornadoes are unpredictable and unforgiving. They strike quickly and violently and leave entire communities and livelihoods in ruins. The official season stretches from early spring through summer, but tornadoes can strike at any time, and not just in tornado alleys. They've been reported in all 50 states.

Stewart Title wants you to be as prepared as possible. Here are some basic steps you can take to protect your family.

In general

- Plan with your family what you'll do and what safe space – basement, shelter, interior room – you'll go to.
- Stock an emergency first-aid kit and supplies (see below).
- Learn tornado danger signs:
 - Dark, often greenish clouds
 - Cloud of debris
 - Large hail
 - Rotating funnel cloud
 - Roaring noise

In the event of

- Pay attention to local news and authorities.
- Take tornado watches and warnings seriously.
- Seek shelter. Put your plan into motion.
- If you're outdoors, seek shelter.
- If you're driving, pull over. Seek lower ground.

After

- Listen to local authorities and news for information and instructions.
- Return home only when authorities say it's safe.
- Use battery-powered flashlights, not candles, to examine damage.
- Watch for and report fallen power lines or broken gas lines.
- Stay out of damaged buildings.

Essentials

- Three-day supply of water and non-perishable food
- Well-stocked first-aid kit (bandages, ointments, antiseptic wipes, gauze pads, eyeglasses, insulin, prescription and non-prescription drugs)
- Flashlight, battery-operated radio, manual can opener, matches, candles, paper plates, utensils, cash
- Personal toiletries
- Cleaning supplies
- Waterproof containers for all important documents