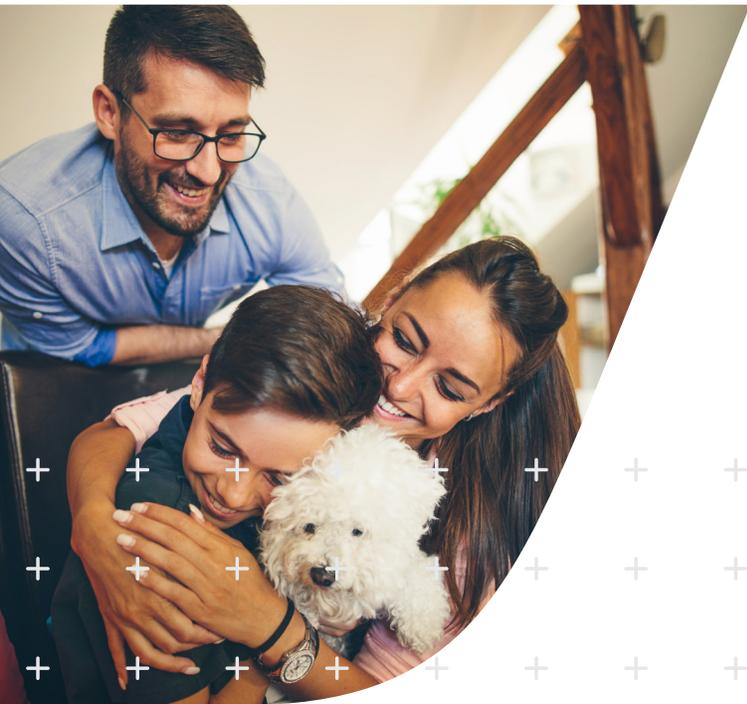


Protecting Your Family

- + Talk about tornadoes with your family so that everyone knows where to go if a tornado warning is issued. Discussing ahead of time helps reduce fear, especially for younger children.
- + Check at your workplace and your children's schools and day care centers to learn about their tornado emergency plans. Every building has different safe places.
- + Ensure that every member of your family carries a Safe and Well wallet card.
- + Make sure you have access to NOAA radio broadcasts, either through streaming an [online NOAA radio station](#), downloading a NOAA radio app in the Apple Store or Google Play, or purchasing a battery-powered or hand-crank [NOAA radio in the Red Cross Store](#).
- + Check [emergency kit](#) and replenish any items missing or in short supply, especially medications or other medical supplies. Keep it nearby.

Protecting Your Pets + Animals

Prepare a [pet emergency kit](#) for your companion animals.



Protecting Your Home

- + Make a list of items to bring inside in the event of a storm.
- + Make trees more wind resistant by removing diseased or damaged limbs, then strategically remove branches so that wind can blow through. Strong winds frequently break weak limbs and hurl them at great speed, causing damage or injury when they hit.
- + Remove any debris or loose items in your yard. Branches and firewood may become missiles in strong winds.
- + Consider installing permanent shutters to cover windows. Shutters can be closed quickly and provide the safest protection for windows.
- + Strengthen garage doors. Garage doors are often damaged or destroyed by flying debris, allowing strong winds to enter. As winds apply pressure to the walls, the roof can be lifted off, and the rest of the house can easily follow.

Source: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/tornado.html>

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