

Storm SAFETY TIPS

SPRING IS A BEAUTIFUL TIME OF YEAR. IT'S ALSO VIOLENT WITH POWERFUL STORMS CREATING ALL KINDS OF HAVOC. FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO PREPARE, RESPOND, AND RECOVER.

PREPARE

- Discuss storm safety with your family.
- Pick a safe place in your home that's away from windows, skylights, and glass doors that could be broken by strong winds or hail.
- Make trees and shrubbery more wind resistant by keeping them trimmed and removing damaged branches.
- Bring animals inside.
- Get trained in first aid and learn how to respond in emergencies.
- Create an emergency kit with:
 - Water
 - Food (non-perishable, easy to prepare)
 - Flashlight
 - Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
 - Extra batteries
 - Sanitation and personal hygiene items
 - First aid kit
 - Medications
 - Multi-purpose tool
 - Pet food
 - Cell phone with charger
 - Extra cash

RESPOND

- Listen to local news or NOAA Weather Radio for emergency updates.
- If a severe storm warning is issued, take shelter in a substantial building with the windows closed.
- If thunder roars, go indoors.
- Avoid electrical equipment and telephones. Use battery-powered TVs and radios.
- Shutter windows and close outside doors securely. Keep away from windows.
- Do not take a bath, shower, or use plumbing.

RECOVER

- Never drive through a flooded roadway. You cannot predict how deep the water may be.
- Stay away from storm-damaged areas to keep from putting yourself at risk.
- Help people who may require special assistance, such as infants, children, and the elderly or disabled.
- Stay away from downed power lines and report them immediately.
- Watch your animals closely. They become upset from storms.