



Interesting Tornado Facts

- Wind gusts can reach up to 300 miles per hour.
- The damage path of a tornado can be up to a mile wide and 50 miles long.
- A clear, sunlit sky can be commonly seen behind a tornado.
- Dust devils are strong tornados that pass over desert areas. People in ancient times thought they were ghosts.
- There is only a 0.1% chance of a tornado being an F5.
- Tornados are most likely to occur between 3 PM and 9 PM.



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Tornado Safety



What to Look and Listen For

- Know the difference between a watch and a warning.
- A watch means conditions are favorable for a tornado. Watch the sky and listen to NOAA Weather Radio to keep up with the latest updates regarding the storm.
- A warning means a tornado has been spotted and the people in that area should **TAKE COVER IMMEDIATELY!**
- Watch for dark or greenish colored skies, large hail, a wall cloud (large, low-lying, dark cloud), and listen for a loud roar, similar to a freight train.



Where to Go During A Tornado

****If a tornado warning is posted in your area, seek shelter in a pre-designated area such as storm cellar or basement. If underground shelter is not available to you, find an interior room or hallway and crouch down covering your head with your hands. Stay away from doors and windows. If you are in a mobile home get out immediately. Find shelter on the lowest floor of a nearby building, or lie flat in a ditch. Mobile homes offer very little protection from tornados.**

****If you are in a vehicle, leave it immediately and take cover in a nearby ditch. Do not use your car as a form of shelter. DO NOT get under an overpass or bridge. This may be even more dangerous than open ground. A wind tunnel effect can cause higher wind speeds and could drive debris toward you or pull you out from under the overpass.**



Pet Safety

- Find a kennel or cage for every animal you have and put them in the safest room in the house for tornado survival when a tornado watch is issued.
- Make an emergency food supply for pets. Get pull tab cans or pouches for easy opening. Also, have an extra gallon or / two of water.
- Pack collars and leashes for each dog or cat.

After the Storm

- Stay in the safe room for several minutes after the storm. Large tornados have an eye so more destruction may be coming.
- Keep all pets on a leash and do not leave them outside unsupervised.
- Do not light candles even after the storm has passed. Use flashlights. Ruptured gas lines can create a fire hazard.

