Tornado Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Tornado Preparation**

☐ **Have storm shutters installed on all the windows of your home.**

☐ **Have a roofing contractor make sure that your roof and gutters are attached firmly to your home**

☐ **Have any dead or diseased trees completely removed.**

☐ **During any storm, listen to local news or weather radio to stay informed about watches and warnings.**

☐ **Know your community's warning system.**

☐ **Pick a 'safe room' in your home where household members and pets may gather during a tornado.**

☐ **Have the walls and ceiling joists reinforced in your safe room.**

☐ **Practice periodic tornado drills.**

☐ **Consider having your 'safe room' reinforced.**

☐ **Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged limbs from trees.**

☐ **Move or secure lawn furniture, outdoor decorations or anything else that can be picked up by the wind.**

☐ **Watch for tornado danger signs: dark, often greenish clouds, wall cloud, cloud of debris, large hail, funnel cloud or roaring noise.**

☐ **When a Tornado is Threatening**

☐ **The safest place to be is an underground shelter, basement, or safe room.**

☐ **Remember that mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes.**

☐ **Abandon mobile homes immediately.**

☐ **Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls.**

☐ **Do not wait until you see the tornado.**

☐ **Go to the nearest sturdy building or shelter immediately.**

☐ **If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement, shelter, or sturdy building.**

☐ **If you cannot get to shelter, get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt, and try to drive at right angles to the storm movement and out of the path.**

☐ **If strong winds and flying debris occur while you are driving, pull over and park, keeping seat belts on and the engine running.**

☐ **If you are unable to get to a building or vehicle, lie flat in a ditch or other low-lying area and cover your head with your hands.**

☐ **Plan to stay in the shelter location until the danger has passed.**

☐ **After a Tornado**

☐ **Continue listening to weather radio for updated information and instructions.**

☐ **Return to home only when authorities say it is safe.**

☐ **Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes when examining home for damage.**

☐ **Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines.**

☐ **Stay out of damaged buildings.**

☐ **If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and get everyone out of the building quickly.**

☐ **Take pictures of damage.**

☐ **Use the telephone only for emergency calls.**

☐ **Keep all of your animals under your direct control.**

☐ **Check for injuries.**

☐ **If you are trained, provide first aid to persons in need.**