

How to Prepare for Spring Tornado Season

Tornados are known to be the most destructive disaster in the world and happen more in the United States than in any other country. In a matter of seconds, they can cause major devastation and loss of life and property. In Kentucky, the spring and summer months are the most dangerous for tornados due to the heat and moisture. Here are a few tips to prepare for tornados this season.

Plan: To protect yourself, your family, and your property, be sure to build a tornado preparedness plan and make sure everyone in the household is familiar with this plan.



Secure Important Documents: It is important to keep copies of important documents, such as birth certificates, social security cards, insurance policies, photos of your property and emergency contact information, in a sealed waterproof envelope or bag.

Build Emergency Kit: Emergency kits are helpful if you lose electricity, get injured, get trapped, or are

miss placed/separated from your home. Supplies will depend on the size of your family and should last each individual up to three days. Pets, infants, and individuals with medical conditions will require extra supplies and resources; keep this in mind when preparing your emergency kit.

Insuring Your Home: Be sure that your insurance is up to date and thorough, confirming that nothing in your policy needs to be changed, added, or removed. Make sure to keep an inventory of all valuables in your home and keep a digital copy or a secure copy outside your home.

Prepare for Storm Damages: Common storm

damage, such as broken windows, roof damage, leaks, flooding, and structural/siding damage, are likely to occur should a severe tornado touchdown. No matter how much we weatherproof our homes, flying debris, falling trees, heavy winds and rain are still likely to damage our homes.

Tornado Watch vs. Tornado Warning: A tornado

watch means weather conditions are likely for a tornado to develop, covering a large area. A tornado warning is when a tornado has been spotted or that a tornado is likely in the area, and it is advised to get to shelter immediately.

Aftermath of Tornados: After a tornado hits, it is advised to give first aid if needed, check the radio for the latest emergency information, get out of damaged buildings, take pictures of damages to your home and items for insurance purposes, and aid individuals who are elderly or disabled.