

Natural Disaster Kit: Tornado

Tornadoes strike with little warning. This checklist ensures you have the supplies needed to shelter quickly and stay safe during and after the storm. Build this kit to support survival in a basement, interior room, or other storm-safe location.

Immediate Shelter Essentials

- Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries
- Helmet or hard hat (protect from debris)
- Sturdy shoes or boots (for post-storm debris)
- Whistle or air horn (signal for rescue)

Communication & Alerts

- Battery-powered or crank NOAA weather radio
- Fully charged phone and backup power bank
- Paper contact list and local maps

Food, Water & Comfort

- Bottled water (1 gallon per person per day for 3 days)
- Non-perishable snacks or MREs
- Mylar blankets or sleeping bags
- Hygiene items (wipes, tissues, hand sanitizer)

Documentation & Tools

- Copy of IDs and insurance documents (in waterproof bag)
- Multi-tool or basic toolkit
- Cash in small bills
- Notebook and pen

Aftermath Supplies

- Dust masks or N95 respirators
- Work gloves and eye protection

- Tarp and duct tape (for temporary repairs)
- Trash bags and disinfectant wipes

Tips & Hints:

Practice tornado drills regularly and identify your home's safest shelter spot.

Store this kit in or near your shelter location and check contents each spring and fall.

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