

# April - Tornado Preparedness

12 Months To Preparedness

## FACT:

Tornadoes can appear suddenly without warning in any state and at any time of the year (ready.gov)

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Tornadoes can damage areas as large as one mile wide and 50 miles long with winds speeds of up to 300 miles per hour (fema.gov)



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What to know when preparing for a tornado...

**TORNADO WATCH** means a tornado is possible in your area. You should monitor your radio and TV stations for the latest developments

**TORNADO WARNING** is when a tornado is actually occurring, you should take shelter immediately

## Other important tips:

- 1) Determine in advance where you will take shelter in case of a tornado warning - basements or cellars provide the best protection
- 2) Stay away from windows, doors, outside walls and corners
- 3) Stay informed both before and after a tornado so you know where and when danger is present  
(Information from ready.gov)

## Continue putting together your disaster kit:

### This month's supplies are:

- 1) A can opener- If needed for food
- 2) Wrench or pliers - To turn off utilities
- 3) Garbage bags and plastic ties - For personal sanitation
- 4) Unique family needs like prescription medications, baby formula, diapers, family documents
- 5) Matches in a waterproof container
- 6) Paper and pencil