



Office of Emergency Management

At-A-Glance



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Tornadoes

Tornado Warning: A tornado is occurring, or likely to occur within minutes. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property.
Tornado Watch: Tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Get the latest updates by listening to NOAA Weather Radio, visiting www.weather.gov, or by tuning into your favorite radio or television weather stations.

Safety Tips Before a Tornado...

- To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information.
- Look for the following danger signs: dark, often greenish sky; large hail; a large dark low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating); a loud roar (similar to a freight train)

Safety Tips During a Tornado...

- If you are in a structure, go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level.
- If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway). Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside.
- If you are outside with no shelter, immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If your vehicle is hit by flying debris while you are driving, pull over and park.
- Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes.
- If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. Stay in your vehicle with your seatbelt on.

Safety Tips After a Tornado...

- Monitor your battery-powered radio or television for emergency information.
- Do not touch downed power lines or objects in contact with downed power lines

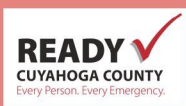
Did You Know?

The State of Ohio has a Safe Room Rebate Program that starts accepting applications January 9, 2017.

For additional information on tornadoes, go to www.ready.gov.

For additional information about the Safe Room Rebate Program, visit ema.ohio.gov.

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