

CALAMITY JANE EXPRESS (R)
Emergency Checklist
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Standard Messages

Tornadoes 1/2

Watch, Warning

- A **Tornado WATCH** means that tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. People in a watch area should review their tornado plans (Family Disaster Plan, Disaster Supplies Kit, tornado safe room), and be ready to act if a warning is issued or they suspect a tornado is approaching.
- A **Tornado WARNING** means that a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Tornado warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property. People in a warning area should go immediately to their safe room. If they are in a vehicle, they should get out of the vehicle and go to shelter in a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a low spot away from the vehicle.

Protect Yourself

- **Prepare members of your household.**
- **Pick a tornado safe place.**
- **Know your community's warning system.**

You should:

- Pick a safe place in your home .
- Consider having your tornado safe place reinforced.
- If you are in a high-rise building, pick a place in a hallway in the center of the building.
- If you live in a mobile home, choose a safe place in a nearby sturdy building.
- Learn about your community's warning system.
- Conduct periodic tornado drills
- Check at your workplace and your children's schools and day care centers to learn about their tornado emergency plans.
- Discuss tornadoes with your family.

Protect Your Property

Prepare your home and property.

You should:

- Make a list of items to bring inside in the event of a storm. • Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed.
- Remove any debris or loose items in your yard.
- Consider installing permanent shutters to cover windows.
- Strengthen garage doors.

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Before a Tornado

Watch for signs of a tornado.

When the season, conditions, or forecast indicate the potential for tornadoes to form, you should:

- Use a NOAA Weather Radio to keep informed of watches and warnings issued in your area.
- If planning a trip or extended period of time outdoors, listen to the latest forecasts and take necessary action if threatening weather is possible.

Watch for tornado danger signs:

- Dark, often greenish clouds.
- Large hail. .
- Cloud of debris.
- Funnel cloud.
- Roaring noise.

A tornado watch is issued:

**-Stay alert.
-Use a NOAA Weather Radio or listen to a local radio or television station.**

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or television stations for updated information.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- Bring your companion animals indoors and maintain direct control of them.
- Be prepared to go to your tornado safe place.

A tornado warning is issued

**-Go to your tornado safe room.
-If you are outside, go to the basement of a sturdy building if possible or lie flat in a low spot.**

- Listen to a battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio or a local radio or television station for updated information.

If you are inside, you should:

- Go to your safe place
- Get under a sturdy piece of furniture
- Use your other arm and hand to protect your head and neck
- Stay away from windows.

If you are outside in a vehicle or mobile home, you should:

- Go immediately to the basement of a nearby sturdy building.
- If there is no building nearby, lie flat in a low spot and use your arms and hands to protect your head and neck.
- Avoid places with wide-span roofs