

After a Tornado

**Help yourself, then others.
Beware of dangers.**

You should:

- Continue listening to local radio or television stations or a NOAA Weather Radio
- Check for injuries.
- Help people who require special assistance
- Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines and report them to the utility company immediately.
- Avoid damaged areas.
- Stay out of damaged buildings.
- If you are away from home, return only when authorities say it is safe.
- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes.
- Use battery-powered lanterns or flashlights when examining buildings. **DO NOT USE CANDLES.**
- Examine walls, floors, doors, staircases, and windows to make sure that the building is not in danger of collapsing.
- Look for fire hazards.
- Check for gas leaks.
- Look for electrical system damage.
- Watch for loose plaster, drywall, and ceilings that could fall.
- Take pictures of the damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance claims.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

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