

Emergency **WEATHER** Information

TORNADOS

A tornado is a violent storm with whirling winds of up to 300 miles per hour. A tornado spins like a top and may sound like the roaring of an airliner or train.

You will be alerted of a tornado by your local EAS station. Tune to a local station, which will provide updated information and tell you what to do.

What Should You Do?

- If you are at home—Go to a corner of your basement and take cover under something sturdy. If your home has no basement, take cover in a small room (such as a closet or bathroom) or under sturdy furniture on the lowest floor in the center part of the house. Stay away from windows.
- Do not remain in a trailer or mobile home if a

Tornado Terms

Tornado Watch: A tornado may occur in or near your area.

Tornado Warning: An actual tornado has been seen or has been shown by radar. If a tornado warning is given for your area, take shelter immediately.

tornado is approaching; take cover elsewhere in a nearby shelter or lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or depression.

- If you are in a building—Go to an inside hallway on the lowest floor or to a designated area.
- If you are outside—Take cover and lie flat in the nearest ditch and cover your head with your arms.

POWER OUTAGES

A power outage can be caused by storm activity or equipment failures or when a tree, animal or other object comes into contact with an electrical line. Once located, trouble spots can be isolated and repaired, enabling service to be restored.

What Should You Do?

Here are some suggestions to make your situation easier and safer to deal with while your power company is working to restore your service:

- Check with your neighbors. If you are the only one without power or only a few appliances won't work, check to see if a fuse is blown or a circuit breaker is tripped.
- Contact your local utility company to report downed power lines, gas leaks or other dangerous conditions.

- Listen to newscasts on a battery-operated radio. During major power disruptions, announcers often will broadcast reports on the extent of the trouble and the approximate time electric service will be restored.
- Turn off major appliances that should not be in operation when the power comes back on. Do leave a light on so you'll know when normal service has been restored. Do not use appliances if light is dim, indicating low voltage.
- Open refrigerators and freezers as infrequently as possible. Food will keep for hours if door opening is kept to a minimum. If the outage is lengthy, contact a dry ice distributor.
- Stay away from downed lines and never touch them under any circumstances.