

# FAMILY DISASTER PLAN CHECKLIST

Make sure you have the following essentials on hand:

- Battery-operated weather radio
- Rayovac® Flashlight
- Extra Rayovac® Batteries
- Water
- Food
- First Aid Kit  
(one for your home and one for each car)
- Prescription and non-prescription drugs
- Tools and supplies  
(paper cups, utility knife, hammer, matches, etc.)
- Personal supplies to maintain sanitation  
(toilet paper, paper towels, household chlorine bleach, etc.)
- Clothing and bedding
- Supplies for infants and toddlers
- Pet supplies
- Important family documents
- Entertainment  
(games and books)
- Perishable contents should be changed or replaced every six months.

- Decide ahead of time where to go if you are at home, school, work, outdoors, or in a car when a severe weather warning is issued.
- Agree upon a place to meet if separated.
- Designate a friend or relative outside of the area as your contact if you are separated during severe weather.
- If your area is vulnerable to weather extremes, get a good map and plan an evacuation route.

## Keeping Your Family Safe



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# Storm Preparedness Guide

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## LIGHTNING

There are no official lightning watches or warnings. Keep alert for thunder, lightning and other signs that can be (though aren't always) associated with thunderstorms, such as darkening clouds and sudden wind shifts.

### What To Do:

- Unplug all appliances, including air conditioner, before the storm hits.
- Listen for storm updates on a battery-powered radio.
- Avoid using the phone. Telephone lines can conduct electricity.
- Metal pipes also conduct electricity. Stay away from faucets, sinks, and bathtubs.
- Keep pets on a leash or in a carrier.
- If you are outside, take cover in the best shelter you can find.
- If you are in your car, keep the windows closed.



## HURRICANES

Hurricane season runs from June to November, so it is important to pay attention to any significant weather systems building in the Atlantic through the Summer and Fall.

### What To Do:

- Make sure you have a battery-powered radio nearby.
- If you are not told to evacuate, stay put.
- Fill food-grade containers with water from your tap ahead of time.
- Place all valuables and records in a waterproof container and store on the highest floor of your home or a safe area.
- If you have to evacuate, make sure you turn off water and electric utilities.



## TORNADOES

Tornadoes appear suddenly and strike randomly. Your best defense is to be alert during times of severe weather.

### What To Do:

- Peak tornado season in the southern states is March through May; in the northern states, it is late spring through early summer. However tornadoes can form at any time of the year.
- Tornadoes occur in every state in the country.
- Seek shelter in the lowest level of your home (basement or storm cellar). If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway, a smaller inner room or a closet.
- Keep away from all windows.
- Make sure you have a battery-powered radio nearby.
- Cushion yourself with a mattress, but do not use one to cover yourself.
- Cover your head and eyes with a blanket or jacket to protect yourself from flying debris and broken glass.



## SEVERE WINTER WEATHER

Winter storms can occur at temperatures that are near or below freezing. In the U.S., heavy snows tend to be more frequent with temperatures between 20°F and 30°F.

### What To Do:

- Keep gas tank full for emergency use and to prevent fuel line from freezing.
- If you must drive, let someone know your ETA and what route you plan to take.
- If you don't have anti-lock brakes, pump, don't slam on your brakes.

### If You Become Stranded:

- Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna and raise it high.
- Start car and use heater for about 10 minutes every hour.
- Leave overhead light on when engine is running so that you can be seen.
- Move your arms and legs to keep blood circulating and to stay warm.