



Tornado Shelter Checklist (Home)

Porter County Emergency Management Agency



Tornado Go-Bag Items:

- Water
- Food (non-perishable)
- Eating utensils
- 1 change of clothing, including footwear
- Blanket
- Moist towelettes (baby wipes)
- Hand sanitizer (7% alcohol minimum)
- Necessary medications
- Pet medications & preventions
- Mobile phone charger (electric)
- Mobile phone charger (car)
- Extra set of car keys
- Pocket knife
- Duct tape
- Plastic sheet (to create shelter from weather)
- Flashlight (manually powered)
- Chemical glow stick
- First aid kit
- Copies of important papers
- Lighter or waterproof matches
- Emergency whistle (for summoning help)
- Basic toolkit
- Bug spray
- Tree saw (To cut your way out if necessary)
- Pet leash
- Vet records

The go-bag should be waterproof to ensure the items inside don't become saturated. A backpack or other bag, which is easy to carry is recommended in the event it becomes necessary to move to a different location. Keep your go-bag in the designated shelter area of your home.

The shelter area should also be stocked with the additional items listed above. (Enough supplies for each person in the household to last 3 days.) These items should also be stored in some type of waterproof container, such as a plastic tote.

Note that some items in the go-bag and shelter area are redundant. This is intentional in the event it becomes necessary to move to a different location at a moment's notice.

Internal Shelter Area Items:

- Bike or motorcycle helmet
- Water, 3-day supply
(1 gallon, per person, per day)
- Food, 3-day supply (non-perishable)
- Manual can opener (if food is canned)
- Special items for infant, elderly or special needs
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Chemical glow stick
- Dust mask
- Work gloves
- NOAA Weather Radio
(battery powered with extra batteries)
- Blanket(s)
- Permanent marker
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Toilet paper & feminine hygiene supplies
- Hand sanitizer (7% alcohol minimum)
- Plastic garbage bags & ties
- 5-Gallon bucket (with re-sealable lid)
- Emergency whistle (for summoning help)
- Fire extinguisher
- Pet food & extra water for pet
- Pet crate