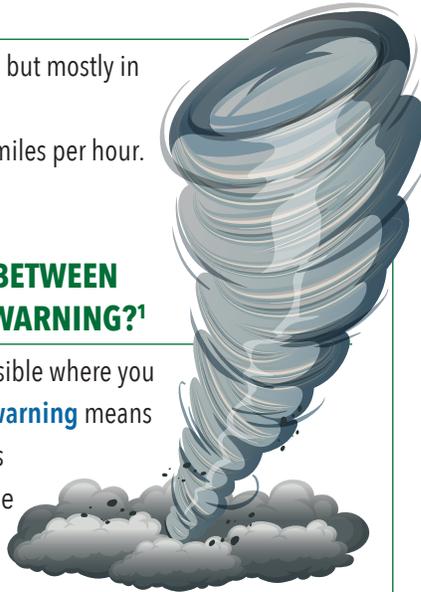


STAY AWARE OF THE WARNINGS: BE READY FOR TORNADOES

Arkansas may not be in “tornado alley” – eastern South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, northern Texas, and eastern Colorado¹ – but Arkansans know that we get our share.

A TORNADO CAN:

- Happen anytime and anywhere but mostly in spring and fall
- Bring intense winds, over 200 miles per hour.
- Look like funnels.²



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TORNADO WATCH AND WARNING?¹

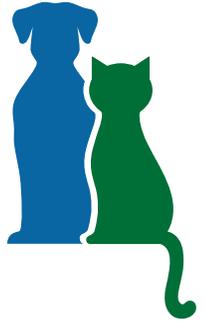
A **watch** means tornadoes are possible where you live, so be prepared for storms. A **warning** means someone has seen a tornado or it's seen on weather radar, and it's time to take cover!

WHAT TO DO BEFORE A TORNADO²

- **Know your area's tornado risk – the Midwest and Southeast.**
- **Know the signs of a tornado**, including a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud, a cloud of debris or a roar like a freight train.
- **Sign up for your community's warning system.** Think about getting a weather radio powered by a hand crank.
- **Pay attention to weather reports.**
- **Identify and practice going to a safe shelter such as a safe room or a storm shelter.** The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room or basement on the lowest level of a sturdy building.
- **Read the CDC's guidelines for overlapping hazards such as COVID-19.** (www.cdc.gov/disasters/covid-19/information_for_specific_groups.html)



- **Your pets and their needs** should be included in your family's emergency plan.
- **Prepare for a long-term stay at home or sheltering in place** by gathering emergency supplies, cleaning supplies, non-perishable foods, water, medical supplies and medication.



WHAT TO DO DURING A TORNADO²

- **Immediately go to a safe location that you have identified.**
- **Pay attention to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio or local alerting systems** for current emergency information.
- **Protect yourself by covering your head or neck** with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around or on top of you.
- **Do not try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle if you are in a car.** If you are in a car or outdoors and cannot get to a building, cover your head and neck with your arms, and cover your body with a coat or blanket, if possible.

WHAT TO DO AFTER A TORNADO²

- **Save your phone calls for emergencies and use text messaging** or social media to communicate with family and friends.
- **Pay attention to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, and local authorities** for updated information.
- **Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.**
- **Contact your health care provider if you are sick and need medical attention.**
- **Wear appropriate gear during clean-up** such as thick-soled shoes, long pants and work gloves.



FOR MORE INFORMATION DURING OR BEFORE A TORNADO, WATCH OR LISTEN TO METEOROLOGISTS.

To learn more, visit www.noaa.gov/stories/tornadoes-101 or www.ready.gov/tornadoes.