

# Tornado Season Preparedness Checklist



## Inspect your roof

Roofs see damage all throughout the year. Most of it is unnoticed until it is too late unless you make it a habit to inspect and make habitual repairs ahead of any heavy weather season. If you feel comfortable assessing your roof, or you can enlist the help of a roofing professional.

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## Trim tree branches and large shrubbery

Branches, large and small, can quickly become flying debris that can damage roofs, break glass, clog gutters and sewer drains.

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## Clean gutters

Clearing out the debris from gutters tops the list for the most avoided chore, but it is crucial to protect your home from severe storm damage. Taking the time to install gutter guards will save you tons of time and energy in the future. Most gutter guards snap right into place, and while they aren't a set-it-and-forget-it fix, they cut the chore time dramatically.

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## Inspect windows, blinds and curtains

Flying debris can break glass. Make sure everything is strong enough to protect you and your family from shattered or blowing glass. If you live in a particularly tornado-prone area, you may want to look into retractable shutters or other window treatments meant specifically to deter window damage.

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## Store or cover outdoor items when they aren't in use

Think patio furniture or barbecue grills, these items can be damaged or even picked up during a large storm. Make a plan for storm preparedness if you normally keep them out in the open during the spring and summer seasons.

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## Move your vehicle if possible, to a covered or enclosed location or cover in a hail-proof car covering

Vehicles can easily be damaged by hail and because the damage is spread across the entire car, the cost to repair can be staggering.



# Checklist (Cont.)



## Charge phones and/or other electronics prior to the storm or have backup power banks

Not only can electricity be compromised during a storm, but it is also advised to stay away from electrical outlets during a severe storm due to lightning strikes.

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## Assemble emergency kit and place in a convenient location

Once you assemble your kit, keep it in a cool, dry location that is easily accessible if you find a storm has set upon you.

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## Check your insurance policy for tornado coverage

Review your policy or call your insurance agency.

