

Radville Emergency Measures

Town of Radville

RM of Laurier # 38

TORNADO SAFETY

Know the signs of a tornado:

- Severe thunderstorms with frequent thunder and lightning
- An extremely dark sky, sometimes highlighted by green or yellow clouds
- A rumbling sound, such as a freight train or a whistling sound similar to a jet aircraft
- A funnel cloud at the rear of a thunder cloud often behind a curtain of heavy rain or hail

WHAT TO DO...

In A Building:

- Go to the basement or take shelter in a small interior ground room floor such as a bathroom, closet or hallway...avoid windows, outside walls and doors
- Protect yourself by getting into a “crouch position-face down-hands above head” under a heavy table or desk.
- Cover yourself with a mattress, sleeping bag, etc. to protect from falling debris in the event the roof or ceiling fails
- Do NOT use elevators
- Avoid gymnasiums, halls, churches, arenas etc. as their roofs are more likely to collapse.

Mobile home/recreation vehicle:

- If time allows find shelter elsewhere, preferably in a building with a strong foundation
- If no shelter is available, get into the “crouch position” in a ditch away from the mobile home or recreation vehicle. Beware of flooding from downpours and be prepared to move

In a Vehicle:

- If you spot a tornado in the distance, go to the nearest solid shelter
- If the tornado is close, get out of your vehicle and take cover in a low-lying area, such as a ditch. DO NOT take shelter under an overpass or bridge. Winds can accelerate in these areas
- If you are caught by extreme winds/flying debris and unable to leave the vehicle;
 - Park vehicle quickly and safely out of traffic lanes ... SEATBELT ON
 - Put your head below the windows; and cover with jacket, blanket, etc for protection

AFTER THE TORNADO...

Keep your family together! Remain CALM and ALERT...listen for information and instructions from emergency crew and local officials. Be aware of possible downed power lines, broken glass & sharp objects. Stay out of damaged houses/buildings and avoid using matches or lighters in case of leaking natural gas lines, etc.

Have a **PLAN** for your family...

Know where you can take shelter in a matter of seconds