

Being Missouri Storm Aware

With warmer weather comes severe weather. Missouri sits in tornado alley, making now a good time for a severe weather refresh.

One of the most important things to understand during severe weather season is the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning. A tornado watch means conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop while a tornado warning means a tornado has been spotted or indicated by radar and immediate action should be taken.

Households should have multiple ways to receive weather alerts, especially at night when a tornado will be harder to see. Identify the safest place in your home ahead of time, ideally a basement or small interior room away from windows. You want to put as many walls between you and the outside as possible. Keeping flashlights, shoes, bottled water, medications, and phone chargers accessible can also make emergencies safer and less chaotic. If you have pets, make sure you know where their carrier or harness is and include pet food in your emergency bag.

We all know tornadoes and mother nature are unpredictable. Technology has come a long way, but we still cannot predict exactly where a tornado will hit. Being prepared and using quick actions will save lives.



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