



12 Months of Preparedness



April Newsletter

MAKE A PLAN

Whether you are new to the program, or back for Month Four, please review the previous newsletter activities (complete the “Family Communications Plan”, purchase a duffel bag /storage bin and stock up on specific items for your “Go Kit” and “Stay Kit”).

Wisconsin averages 21 tornados annually. Take time now to practice your plan for safety procedures during severe weather wherever you or your family might be during severe weather.

CONTINUE TO BUILD YOUR KITS

The “*Items of the Month*” for April include peanut butter, jelly, jam, and packaged foods. Suggested items to purchase are crackers, dry cereal, snack foods, dried fruit and hard candy. Plan for your individual and family’s unique needs when selecting food items for your “Go Kit” and “Stay Kit”. Pay attention to special diets and the food needs of infants, toddlers or the elderly. Choose foods that are high in calories and nutrition. Remember to check the expiration dates and rotate your stock.

BE INFORMED about Tornadoes

Know the terms:

Tornado Watch

A tornado is possible in the area. Stay tuned to radio or TV.

Tornado Warning

A tornado has been sighted. Take cover at once.

Prepare a shelter site

Designate an area in your home. Basements are the safest. Otherwise use an interior room or hallway on the ground floor. Mobile home residents need to seek an alternative site. If in a car, do not get under bridges or overpasses; lie flat in a ditch and cover your head. Specific information is available at a link on our home page, “*Tornado Safety*”. This will direct you what to do if a “Warning” occurs when you’re not at home. Also view the American Red Cross website.

After a tornado

Watch out for debris; especially broken glass and downed electrical lines. Do not return to a tornado-damaged structure unless cleared by authorities that the site is safe.