



Before, During, and After a Tornado

Before a Tornado

- Listen and watch for information for Collin County and the City of McKinney.
- Look for the following signs:
 - Dark, often greenish sky
 - Large hail
 - A large, dark, low-lying cloud, including rotation in the sky
 - A loud roar, similar to a freight train
- Have your NOAA Weather Radio on or available in case of a power outage
- Be prepared to take shelter immediately

During a Tornado

- Take shelter immediately in an underground shelter, basement, or saferoom. If there is no basement, go to an interior, windowless room on the lowest level. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside.
- If you are in a vehicle, trailer or mobile home, get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a nearby building or storm shelter.
- If you are caught outside with no shelter, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding. Do NOT get under an overpass or bridge. Never try to outrun a tornado in an urban, congested area like the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter.

After a Tornado

- Continue listening to NOAA Weather Radio or local news coverage.
- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes when examining your home for damage.
- Watch for fallen power lines and broken gas lines and report them to your utility company.
- Take pictures of damage of the building and contents for insurance claims.
- Clean up medications, bleach or other flammable liquids that may become a fire hazard.