

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS



Springtime in Oklahoma brings the threat of severe weather including thunderstorms, hail, winds and occasionally tornadoes. The City of Del City Office of Emergency Management, under the responsibility of the Del City Fire Department, wants all citizens to have a severe weather plan in their home, at school, at work and at events. This handout is designed to help prepare you for severe weather and the actions you should take.

BE INFORMED, HAVE A PLAN, PREPARE A SAFETY/SUPPLY KIT

BE INFORMED

STAY INFORMED ABOUT THE STORM by listening to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, and television for the latest tornado Watches and Warnings.

TORNADO WATCH: Tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms.

TORNADO WARNING: A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. If a tornado warning is issued for your area and the sky becomes threatening, move to your pre-designated place of safety.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH: Severe thunderstorms are possible in your area.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING: Severe thunderstorms are occurring

Have multiple ways to receive warnings; don't rely on the outdoor warning sirens as your only means of receiving warnings. They are designed to warn those people who are outside and away from radio and TV.

HAVE A PLAN

Before the Storm:

- Develop a [plan for you and your family](#) for home, work, [school](#) and when outdoors.
- Have frequent drills.
- Know the county in which you live, and keep a highway map nearby to follow storm movement from weather bulletins.
- Have a [NOAA Weather Radio](#) with a warning alarm tone and battery back-up to receive warnings.
- Listen to radio and television for information.
- If planning a trip outdoors, listen to the latest forecasts and take necessary action if threatening weather is possible.

If a Warning is Issued:

- In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
- If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture.
- Stay away from windows.
- If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement, shelter or sturdy building



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