PLANNING FOR SEVERE STORMS

Create a Tornado Emergency Plan

- Sketch a floor plan of where you live, or walk through each room and discuss where and how to seek shelter.

- Show a second way to exit from each room or area. If you need special equipment, such as a rope ladder, mark where it is located.

- Make sure everyone understands the siren warning system, if there’s such a system in your area.

- Mark where your first aid kit and fire extinguishers are located.

- Mark where the utility switches or valves are located so they can be turned off—if time permits—in an emergency.

- Teach your family how to administer basic first aid, how to use a fire extinguisher, and how and when to turn off water, gas, and electricity in your home.

- See FEMA for more information on identifying a proper pre-designated area to take shelter: ready.gov/tornadoes.6
Assemble a Disaster Emergency Kit

☐ 3-day supply of water (1 gallon of water per person, per day)

☐ 3-day supply of non-perishable food (and can opener)

☐ Battery-operated radio and extra batteries

☐ Cell phone and charger

☐ Flashlight and batteries

☐ First aid kit (bandages, gauze, tweezers, disinfectant, gloves, pain relievers, thermometer, etc.)

☐ Whistle to signal for help

☐ Dust mask

☐ Survival blanket (also known as a space blanket)

☐ Extra cash (about $50)

☐ Pocket knife

☐ Wrench to turn off utilities

☐ Medications, hand sanitizer, moist towelettes, plastic ties, and garbage bags

☐ Local maps for evacuation

☐ Change of clothes (including rain jacket, gloves, hat, etc.)