

## 72 HOUR EMERGENCY KIT

A 72 hour Emergency Kit is a collection of basic items your family may need in the event of an emergency. 72 hour kits should be easily accessible and include important supplies for you and your family for at least three days.

For an emergency kit checklist go to [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

More information on weather advisories, visit **Environment and Climate Change Canada** at: [www.weather.gc.ca/](http://www.weather.gc.ca/)

For more information on tornados and what to do visit:

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**  
[www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/seasonal-weather-hazards/publications/severe-summer.html#toc4](http://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/seasonal-weather-hazards/publications/severe-summer.html#toc4)

### Get Prepared

[www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/hzd/trnds-prp-en.aspx](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/hzd/trnds-prp-en.aspx)

### Canadian Red Cross


[www.redcross.ca/how-we-help/emergencies-and-disasters-in-canada/types-of-emergencies/tornados/tornados-information-facts](http://www.redcross.ca/how-we-help/emergencies-and-disasters-in-canada/types-of-emergencies/tornados/tornados-information-facts)

For additional information on Emergency Preparedness contact the  
**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**

[www.rdbn.bc.ca](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca)

250-692-3195

Toll-free: 1-800-320-3339

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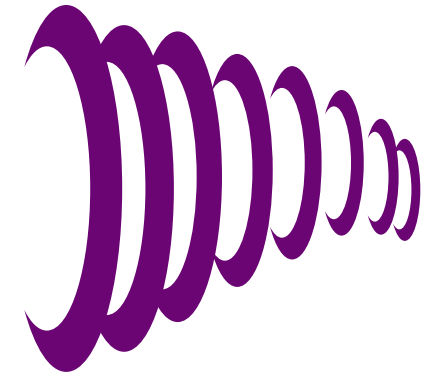


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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
**Emergency Preparedness | Tornado**

## WHAT IS A TORNADO?

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground. It's a powerful and dangerous weather phenomenon characterized by high-speed winds that can cause significant damage to structures, vegetation, and other objects.

Warning signs that a tornado may form include severe thunderstorms with large hailstones, very dark clouds highlighted with a few green or yellow areas, a rumbling sound, and a funnel cloud forming at the base of a dark cloud. Tornadoes are often hard to see from far away and not all have a visible funnel cloud. A tornado is deceptive – it may appear to be standing still when it is moving toward you.

## ALWAYS REMEMBER

Always remember to follow instructions from authorities. Disobeying an order puts lives at risk.

Pay attention to weather watches and warnings.



## TIPS TO PREPARE FOR A TORNADO

If a tornado is approaching, seek immediate shelter in a sturdy building, ideally in the basement or a small interior room on the lowest level, away from windows and doors.

If caught outdoors, try to find a low-lying area and protect your head. Do not seek shelter under overpasses or bridges.

If caught in a vehicle, find shelter. If possible, drive to the nearest sturdy building for shelter. If there is no shelter available, park your car away from traffic, buckle your seatbelt, and crouch down below the windows, covering your head.

Additional Tips:

- Stay informed by monitoring weather reports and listening to local news for updates.
- Have a plan in place for where to go and how to communicate with family members.
- If you are in a mobile home, evacuate immediately and seek shelter in a sturdy building.
- After a Tornado, once the immediate danger has passed, check on neighbours and family members, and be aware of hazards like downed power lines.

## ALERT DESCRIPTIONS

The type of alert used depends on the severity and timing of the event:

### Warning

- Urgent message that severe weather is either occurring or will occur.
- Updated regularly so that you can stay informed and take appropriate action.

### Watch

- Alerts you about weather conditions where there is potential for a significant storm or severe weather to occur.
- A Watch may upgrade to a Warning as certainty increases about the path and strength of a storm system.

### Advisory

- Issued for specific weather events that are less severe, but could still significantly affect those in the area.

### Special Weather Statement

- The least urgent type of alert.
- Issued to let you know that conditions are unusual and could cause concern.
- They provide notice of what weather may be coming.