

Tornadoes

It is the intent of the City of Fairburn to use the Emergency Warning Siren System, when possible to warn residents if a tornado or other natural disaster is a threat to the City.

Tornadoes may occur without warning and usually accompany a thunderstorm in the afternoon or early evening.

Stay tuned to an emergency broadcast station if thunderstorms are predicted. A list of stations is included in this brochure.

If there is a **THUNDERSTORM WATCH**, it means that conditions are ripe for tornado formations and a tornado is possible.

If there is a **THUNDERSTORM WARNING**, it means that a tornado has been sighted. In a warning, or if you see or hear a tornado, follow these guidelines:

At home...

Stay indoors

- Go to the lowest level in a building, preferably the basement, and seek out an interior hallway or small interior room away from windows.
- Crouch under a heavy table, desk, or bench.
- If there is no protective furniture, crouch and brace yourself against an interior doorway or corner.

In a mobile home...

- Do not remain in a mobile home since they can turn over in a storm. Go to a community shelter.

In a vehicle...

- Do not try to outrun a tornado.
- Leave the vehicle and enter the nearest building or lie in a ditch.



BE PREPARED FOR ANY TYPE OF EMERGENCY!

- Create a disaster plan and practice it with your family
- The Emergency Warning Siren Systems is tested audibly biannually. A silent test is conducted every month.
- Occasionally meet as a family to discuss alternative emergency plans.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by phones (fire, police, ambulance, etc.)
- Teach your children how and when to call 9-1-1
- Purchase a fire extinguisher (ABC type) and show your family where it's kept and how to use it.
- Install a smoke detector on each level of your home, especially in each bedroom. Check the batteries at least every six months.
- Conduct a "home hazard hunt". Anything that can move, fall, break, or cause a fire is a home hazard. Inspect your home at least once a year and fix potential hazards.
- Stock emergency supplies and assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit containing flashlights, a first aid kit, battery-operated AM/FM radio, spare batteries, tools, chlorine bleach, nonperishable food and bottled water, sanitation supplies, blankets, clothing, and cooking equipment. Check the kit annually
- Find the "safe spots" in your home for each type of disaster.
- Determine the best escape routes from your home. Find two ways out of each room.
- Keep cars and other vehicles fueled and in good repair, with a winter emergency kit.
- Know how the public is warned and the warning terms for your community.
- Know how to contact other household members through a common out-of-state contact in the event that you have to evacuate and become separated.
- Know how to turn off gas, electric power, and water before evacuating.
- Know ahead of time what you should do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors, or employees.
- Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class

Information in this brochure was obtained from the following agencies:

National Weather Service:

National-www.nws.noaa.gov

Department of Public Safety:

www.dps.georgia.gov/

Federal Emergency Management

Agency: www.fema.gov

www.fema.gov/areyouready



For more local information, please refer to the City of Fairburn website:

www.fairburn.com

Fairburn Fire Department general information line:

770-683-4630

Citizens Emergency Response Team information:

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