

Are You Prepared for a Disaster?

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NASHVILLE – Tennessee has sustained damage from severe windstorms, including tornadoes, in recent months and now hurricane season is beginning. This is a good time to make preparations to reduce the risk of damage from future storms.

“As people rebuild from the tornadoes and windstorms, it is important for citizens to stay in touch with their local county emergency management director,” said Doug Worden, Tennessee Hazard Mitigation Manager.

A variety of online resources are available to help Tennesseans reduce their risk of future damage.

For those repairing or rebuilding after the tornadoes, tips can be found at [fema.gov/mitigation-ideas-and-tips-rebuilding](https://www.fema.gov/mitigation-ideas-and-tips-rebuilding).

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency has a webpage with information on hazard mitigation [tn.gov/tema/emergency-community/mitigation.html](https://www.tn.gov/tema/emergency-community/mitigation.html).

Flooding is the most common and costly disaster in the United States and can happen anywhere. Homeowner’s insurance policies don’t cover flood damage. You can purchase a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policy through an insurance agent or an insurer participating in the NFIP. If your insurance agent does not sell flood insurance, you can contact the NFIP Referral Call Center at 800-427-4661 to request an agent referral.

FEMA has a guide called [Protect Your Home from Flooding](#) that describes some of the smaller, lower cost actions you can take yourself or with minor assistance from others.

Families can prepare for hurricane season by making an emergency plan: [ready.gov/plan](https://www.ready.gov/plan).



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Do you have emergency supplies on hand? Here's how to build a kit: [ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit)

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Toolkits offer business leaders a step-by-step guide to build preparedness within an organization. You can find these toolkits at [ready.gov/business](https://www.ready.gov/business).

You can contact your local county emergency management director about other possible assistance available locally. You can also contact the State Hazard Mitigation Office at 615-741-1345.

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