

## Tornado Preparedness Go-Bag:

Go-Bags are small, easy-to-carry bags that contain items unique to yourself and/or your family. These bags can be carried with you when seeking shelter prior to a tornado warning. In the event of tornadic destruction, these Go-Bags will have basic essentials that are personal to your needs. Be prepared before severe weather threatens and pack a Go-Bag.

### Contents of a Go-Bag could include:

- Medications
- Small first aid kit
- Bottled water
- Flashlight
- Weather Radio
- Feminine products
- Small blanket or jacket
- Extra batteries for flashlight
- Personal Identification
- Glasses and contact solution
- Infant diapers, food, and/or formula for babies or small children

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# TORNADO SAFETY GUIDE

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## What are Tornadoes?

Tornadoes are deadly, unpredictable storms that can affect anyone, anywhere and at any time. Tornadoes are violent, rotating columns of air that extend from a thunderstorm to the ground. The southeastern portion of the United States, including the Poarch Creek Community, has a greater risk for tornadoes. It is important to know the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning.

## Know the Difference!

### **Tornado Watch:**

Be prepared! Atmospheric conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms capable of producing tornadoes.

### **Tornado Warning:**

Take shelter! Either a severe thunderstorm has developed and has produced a tornado or radar has indicated intense low-level rotation in the presence of atmospheric conditions conducive to tornado development.



(Above: 56 Green Road, Atmore, AL)

**Know the location of your local Tornado Shelters or designate a safe place inside your home.**



(Above: 120 Calvin McGhee Drive, Atmore, AL)

**In the event of a tornado warning, take shelter in an interior room on the lowest level of your home away from doors and/or windows.**

## What can you do before and during a tornado?

- **Be Weather-Ready:** Check your local forecast daily and listen to your NOAA Weather Radio.
- **Electronic Weather Alerts:** Download weather apps for your local area and enable your push notifications for weather alerts. (Tribal Emergency Management recommends *Saf-T-Net*; available for free.)
- **Pay Attention:** Always stay weather-aware! Pay attention to weather conditions throughout the day and night.
- **Plan Ahead:** Have a plan for yourself and your family prior to a severe weather threat. Communication is key!
- **Take Shelter:** During severe weather events, stay indoors and take shelter immediately following a Tornado Warning. Be sure to get down low and cover your head!
- **Stay Aware:** Remain in your safe place and call for help if you need assistance. After a tornado passes, debris and fallen power lines remain a danger to citizens within the area.



