## SAFETY BEFORE AND DURING STORMS AND TORNADOES

Lightning can travel sideways for a long distance before striking the ground. Blue skies are not always a sign of safety; if you hear thunder, take cover.

If weather conditions indicate a storm, stay inside or seek shelter in a low-lying area away from trees and any metal - including sheds, clotheslines, poles, and fences. If you are caught in severe weather while on the road, safely exit the roadway and turn on your lights and emergency flashers while remaining in the vehicle.

## BE PREPARED

Unplug any electronics in your house before the storm arrives. Do not forget about your pets. Dog houses are not safe from severe storms and chained animals make easy targets for lightning. Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged tree limbs year round.

Designate a family meeting place for shelter during and after a storm. If possible, go to your home's basement, a small interior room, or under stairs on the lowest level.

Also, have a battery-operated weather radio handy along with emergency supplies.



