

# National Weather Service



## RESPONSE DURING DISASTER

Knowing what to do during a disaster is a key part of preparing for one as a Weather Ready Nation. Here are response activities that should take place during or shortly after a storm...with a look at everyone's role in the warning process...

- You...Be a Force of Nature! Help Others.
  - Assess medical needs. Evacuate, along with pets, to safe areas or shelters, if needed. Turn off gas or electricity if needed and it's safe to do so
  - Monitor television...radio to keep you informed of emergency orders
  - Initiate your Family Disaster Plan; use Disaster Supplies Kit if necessary
  - Report damage through an IDHS website if requested
  
- The National Weather Service...
  - Continues issuing warnings until the event has ended
  - Dispatches damage survey teams to assess tornado damage
  - Continues collecting Spotters reports of damage and tornado information
  
- Indiana Department of Homeland Security...
  - Expands emergency operations; coordinates multi-agency response
  - Deploys Incident Management Teams and resources to damage areas if local officials request
  
- The American Red Cross...
  - Deploys volunteers to provide assistance to the affected area(s)
  - Open shelters and provide food to those affected by the disaster
  
- Local Officials and Emergency Responders...
  - Locate and treat casualty victims and transport to hospitals
  - Remove debris from roads, restore communications and other services
  
- The Media...
  - Continues live broadcasts of warnings and damage reports
  - TV Meteorologists enhance details on locations threatened
  - News crews on the streets report live from damage areas



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