

Common Hazards in North Central Texas

Winter Ice Storms & Snow

- Occasional ice and light snow storms can create hazardous road conditions and disrupt power and transportation.
- Keep extra blankets, food, and water on hand. Avoid travel during icy conditions. Use heating devices safely to avoid fire hazards.

Extreme Heat

- Summers often bring prolonged periods of temperatures over 100°F, increasing risks of heat-related illnesses.
- Stay hydrated, limit outdoor activity during peak heat hours, and check on vulnerable neighbors and family members.

Wildfires

- Dry, windy conditions raise wildfire risks in rural and brush-filled areas during droughts.
- Remove dry vegetation and debris around your home. Follow evacuation orders promptly and be aware of burn bans.

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Severe Thunderstorms & Tornadoes

- The region frequently experiences strong storms with damaging hail, high winds, lightning, and tornadoes, especially during spring and early summer.
- Seek shelter immediately in a basement or interior room on the lowest floor, away from windows. Protect your head with sturdy padding or a helmet.

Flash Flooding

- Heavy rainfall can cause sudden flash floods, particularly in urban and low-lying areas with limited drainage.
- Never drive or walk through floodwaters; six inches of water can sweep a person or stall a vehicle. Move to higher ground as soon as flooding begins.



Hazards and Threats

Prepare Today.
Ready Tomorrow.





How to Prepare Emergency Basics

Build an Emergency Kit

- Water (at least 1 gallon per person per day for 3+ days).
- Non-perishable food and manual can opener.
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio.
- Flashlight, extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Prescription medications and important documents (copies).
- Hygiene supplies and face masks.

Develop a Family Emergency Plan

- Identify a safe room (interior, windowless area or basement) for tornadoes.
- Know evacuation routes for floods and wildfires.
- Designate an out-of-area contact person to communicate during emergencies.
- Plan for pets (know pet-friendly shelters or make arrangements).

Stay Informed

- Sign up for local emergency alerts and warnings.
- Follow the National Weather Service for timely weather updates.
- Use trusted emergency apps for real-time notifications.

Home Safety Preparations

- Secure outdoor items before storms to prevent flying debris.
- Install or have materials ready for storm shutters or window protection.
- Clear gutters and drains to reduce flooding risk.
- Maintain defensible space around your home in wildfire-prone areas.



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