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# YOU SHOULD KNOW

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**Helping  
Tornado Victims  
in Oklahoma**



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Dear Oliveri,

Severe weather is on everyone's mind following the tornadoes and severe weather that devastated Oklahoma City and many other parts of the country. Prepare your home and family for a natural disaster with these helpful tips and resources.



## THE DOCKET /

## Prepare for Severe Weather Before Disaster Strikes

Even with advanced weather science to better predict storm conditions, Mother Nature still holds all the cards. The massive tornado that obliterated Moore, Okla., on May 20 struck just 16 minutes after the first siren was sounded. And while violent storms grab all the headlines, more common severe weather like heat waves, heavy rain and lightning cause considerable casualties. While there are no guarantees, *you should know* how to prepare for the worst and increase your chances of survival during any type of severe weather.

[Ride Out the Storm. >>>](#)



*On average, 1,000 tornadoes touch down in the U.S. each year. (Photo: University Corporation for Atmospheric Research)*

## BY THE NUMBERS /

**528  
Deaths**

Severe weather tallied 528 fatalities and more than \$38 billion in combined property and crop damage in 2012. The 10-year average is 640 deaths per year.

Source: [Summary of Natural Hazard Statistics \(download\)](#), National Weather Service

**14  
Minutes**

The average lead time from warning siren to tornado is now 14 minutes. An 8-foot by 8-foot safe room averages \$6,600 to \$8,700 in new construction.

Source: [Tornado Preparedness Saves Lives](#), USA Today

Flash flooding is the number one cause of death from

> **IF YOUR BUSINESS OR HOME SUFFERED STORM SANDY WATER-SURGE FIRE DAMAGE, PLEASE CONTACT US.**

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## 6 Inches

thunderstorms. Just 2 feet of water can float most vehicles, and 6 inches can sweep you off your feet.

Source: *Severe Weather*, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Is Your Home and Family “Red Cross Ready”?

Create a survival kit, make a plan and be informed before disaster strikes with extensive [interactive resources](#) from the American Red Cross. Don't miss these [emergency mobile apps](#) for lifesaving tips.

### Monitor All Hazardous Weather Conditions

Look up conditions anywhere in the United States and learn the facts about weather-related hazards in your area at [NOAAWatch](#) from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

### Avoid Scam Artists After a Disaster

There are criminals who prey on the survivors of natural disasters by offering fraudulent services. Learn how to [spot and report](#) fraud via the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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