

Emergency Preparedness in the event of a Tornado

**“Good luck is when opportunity meets preparation, while
lack of preparation meets reality.”**

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Basic checklist of Preparedness

- Review your company's Emergency Preparedness Manual and share information with your residents, families and staff.
- Maintain current resident and responsible party contact information including the e-mail address and phone numbers.
- Maintain current emergency contact information and phone numbers for your employees.
- * Are your employees thoroughly trained for emergencies?

Pre-Evacuation tips

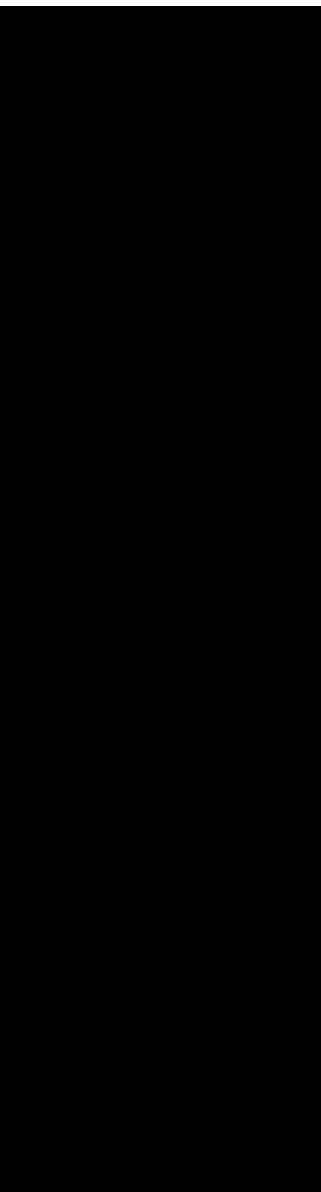
1. Emergency Shelter Agreement signed?
2. Transportation arranged?
3. Resident suitcase packed with necessary items
4. Know your pet policy
5. Is your Emergency Lighting functioning?
6. Emergency Kit with supplies, battery operated radio, flashlights
7. First Aid Kit
8. Are all Chrome books/phones fully charged?
9. Lock Box for Medications
10. Access to Resident Roster
11. Access to Employee Roster
12. Access to Emergency Contact list

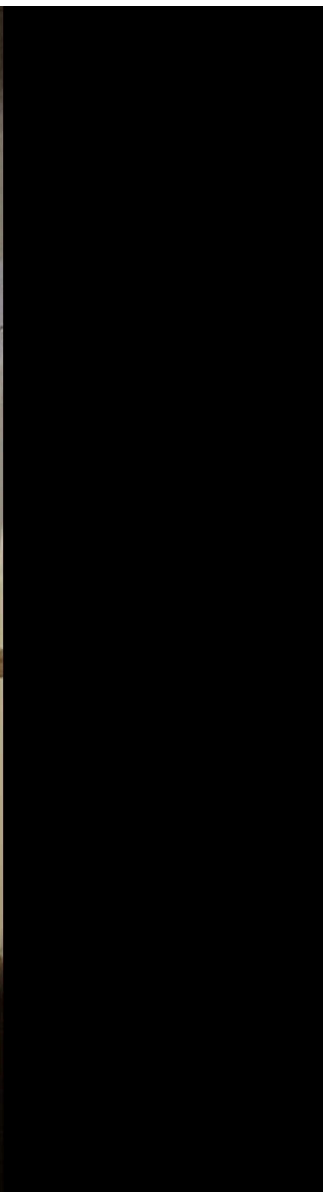
13. Check your water supply
14. Check your food supply for snacks.
15. Check your generator.
16. Check your resident oxygen supply.
17. Check your wound care and medical supplies.
18. Communicate with your hospice agencies.
19. Have utility company emergency contacts available.
20. Communicate, communicate, communicate!

**This is what happened to Brookdale Shawnee
on April 19, 2023
9:39 pm**





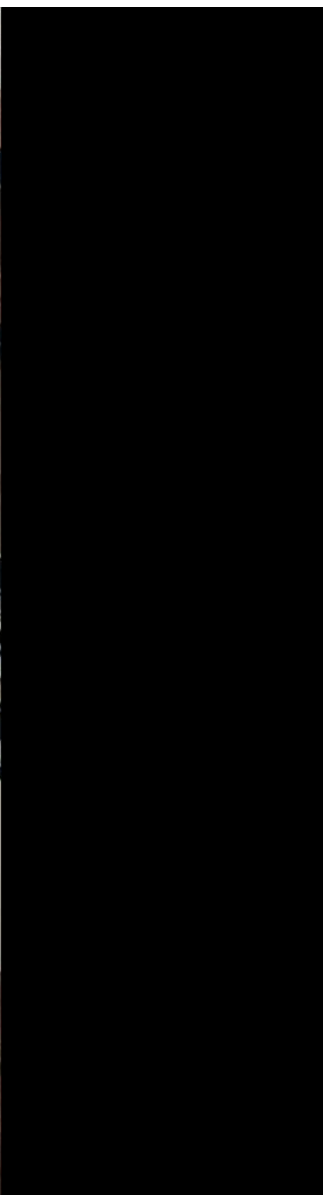








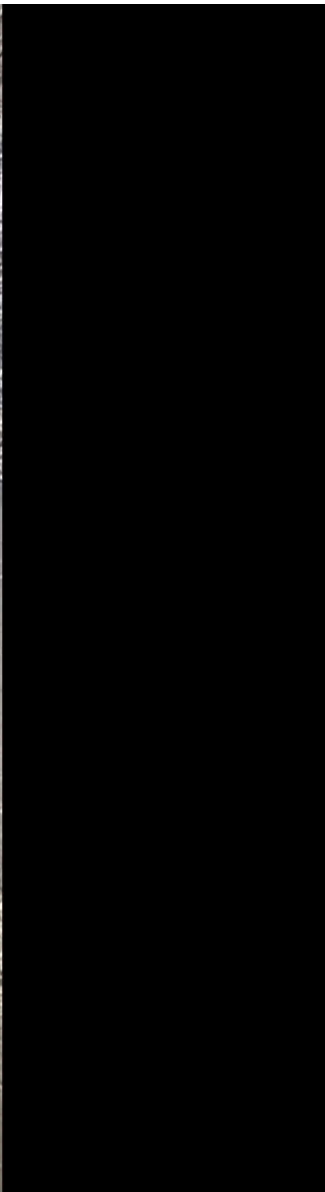
















Here's what we learned.

- Have your resident emergency contact information in the fire extinguisher cabinets.
- Have your resident roster in the fire extinguisher cabinets.
- Have headband flashlights in the fire extinguisher cabinets.
- All management staff should have the emergency contact information with them.
- Evaluate your safe place for tornado event.
- Have your utility company contact information with you.

- Have someone off-property make the phone calls to families and emergency contacts. (phone lines and internet were non-working)
- Purchase foil emergency blankets. (Clothing/bedding was wet)
- Keep an over abundance of flashlights and fresh batteries throughout the building.
- Have residents place dentures, hearing aides, glasses and billfolds in a large Zip Lock bag at bedside along with a pair of shoes.
- Have an Emergency Shelter agreement with a church, etc. that is **not** in the same path of the tornado.

- Large trash bags were used to place dry clothes and personal items in for each resident.
- Keep in mind, phones do not work, there is no internet, no copiers or laptops/computers or electricity.
- Hard Charts were a great backup with no internet. (Face sheets)
- Make absolutely sure that your Emergency Lights are operational.
- Have I.D. bracelets for each resident. We purchased these after the tornado and wrote the community and phone # on each.
- Make sure all staff knows where water shut off and/or key is to water shed is located.
- Have paper MARS and Face Sheets printed and accessible.

- Contact Oklahoma State Department of Health
- Contact each resident's physician
- Contact each resident's pharmacy

Final Take Away:

Make sure **YOU** and your staff are okay. Mental and physical needs will manifest. Residents may have PTSD too. (Mental health counselor?)

Make sure your residents with hearing, sight, and cognitive deficits **KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING!**



