

# Life-Saving Tornado Warnings

## 1. Sky Shifts

One of the most noticeable signs is the sky turning a strange green or yellow hue due to sunlight refracting through dense storm clouds. If you notice this and feel the air grow thick and still, take it as a serious signal to stay alert. When clouds begin to rotate horizontally or a funnel starts to dip downward, prepare to move to your tornado shelter immediately.



## 2. Wind and Air Pressure Changes

Another often-overlooked indicator is the drop in air pressure that occurs before a tornado. You may notice your ears pop unexpectedly or feel a heavy stillness settle around you. Tornadoes feed on atmospheric instability, and a sudden calm after intense weather activity often signals a shift.



## 3. Flying Debris

Flying debris is one of the most dangerous characteristics of a tornado. What many people don't realize is that you might see debris in the air before you ever spot the tornado itself. If you notice items whipping upward into the sky, the storm's rotation has likely begun. These wind patterns lift objects into the air with incredible force, and you should never ignore them.



## 4. Unusual Animal Behavior

Animals often sense danger before humans do. Pay attention to pets or wildlife that start to act strangely. Dogs may whimper or pace. Birds may suddenly vanish. Livestock may huddle together or attempt to flee. While not scientific, these patterns have been reported in multiple tornado incidents and may provide another layer of warning, especially if you notice other signals at the same time.



## 5. Sirens and Alerts

While natural signs are important, you should always pay attention to official alerts. Tornado sirens are designed to give you the final heads-up when danger is confirmed. If you hear the sirens in your area, don't go outside to "see what's happening." Use that time to get to your pre-planned shelter location.



## 6. Tornado Watches

You might feel safe during a tornado watch, thinking it's just a precaution. After all, it's a step below the more serious tornado warning. But you should treat every watch seriously. Watches mean that conditions are favorable for tornado formation. That's your cue to review your emergency plan, secure pets, and charge devices.



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