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Don't rely on luck



Stay away from downed lines



DON'T RELY ON LUCK, PLAN TO BE SAFE

We may celebrate the “luck of the Irish” in March but staying safe can’t be left up to chance. Whether or not March comes in like a lion, we know that severe weather is likely during a Kentucky spring. In March, that could be a tornado or ice or both. Either way, planning is key.

High winds can cause a lot of damage. Inspect your property for dead trees, overhanging branches near structures and loose roofing. Trampolines might be fun for the kids, but they are hazards in high wind conditions, so make sure they are secured or even stored away when possible.

Removing dead trees and branches is also a good way to help avoid damage if ice is in the forecast. Always consult a professional about trimming a tree near a power line and give us a call if you see a branch touching a line - don't ever try to remove it yourself!

Heavy rains from storms can quickly cause flooding conditions, so always be aware if you need to be out on the roads. Never enter a flooded roadway – even a few inches of water can cause you to lose control.

There are other important ways to be prepared regardless of the weather event:

Have a backup plan for medical devices.

If you or a loved one rely on a device that requires power, it is crucial to have a plan for a time you are without electricity in your

home. Significant weather events can cause extended outages and having a “plan B” is essential.

Determine the safest location for you and your family.

Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms mean seeking shelter, so have a place you can go for protection. The lowest level interior of a home is usually the best spot, but sometimes the safest choice might be relocating to a neighbor or family member’s home.

Create/ update your emergency kit.

Water, medication and batteries are among the most important items to have stored in a safe location. Find a list of suggested items for home and vehicle kits at ready.gov.

Have a way to receive alerts and other information.

It may seem a bit old-fashioned, but a battery-powered radio (plus fresh batteries) or a hand-cranked version is one of the most reliable ways to receive information during an emergency situation. Fully charged cell phones are also typically a great resource, but cell service can be impacted by severe weather.

These are just a few ways to be prepared for whatever March has in store for us. Find other tips for keeping you and your loved ones safe at <https://nolinrecc.com/safety/>.

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Stay Away and Call 911

