

## Winter Weather

Ice and snow storms, high winds and blizzards are all regular occurrences during winter months. These weather situations have the potential to disrupt power to your home and local community. Provide contact numbers to your Deployed Soldier so they can get updated status information concerning the families through the Chain of Command.

*\*\*If you see any downed power lines, do not touch them—on post call 563-4045/6126, off post call you local power company.*

### Additional Vehicle Preparation is critical during the Winter:

- Get vehicle tuned up and test antifreeze
  - Keep a full tank of gas
  - Be sure all lights, heater and defrosters work
  - Check windshield wipers and washer fluid level
  - Have brakes inspected
  - Check tire pressure and tread depth
  - Cell Phone Charger
  - Prepare a vehicle Kit :
  - Warm clothing
  - Blankets
  - Small metal can with candle and matches
  - Flashlight
  - food and beverages
  - shovel (especially if driving in isolated areas)
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- Clear snow off vehicle before driving —especially the windshield, headlights, and tail lights.
  - Allow extra time for travel
  - Reduce speed
  - Increase following distance
  - Avoid sudden braking, or accelerating on icy roads
  - If you must drive in snow or icy conditions and end up stuck, remain in the vehicle. This will prevent you from getting lost, offer some protection from the elements, and make it easier for emergency services to locate you.
  - If you are traveling more than four hours, ensure you advise someone of your destination, intended route, and expected arrival time. Accountability saves lives!



### FLW Severe Weather Safe Locations

During Severe Weather Warnings (High Winds, Tornadoes, or Hail), personnel typically have no more than **10 minutes** to seek shelter.

1. **If in a building/home**, immediately take shelter in the designated tornado location, basement or a first floor interior room with no windows.
2. **If caught outside** during the duty day, seek shelter in any nearby building.
3. **If outside during non-duty hours**, the locations below are open 24 hours a day and allow people caught outside (walking, jogging, driving) to seek shelter during High Wind, Tornado, or Hail warnings.

Current Designated Safe buildings are:

**Hoge Hall** : Building 14000

**DES** : Building 1000 (Police Station)

**GLWACH** : Building 310 (Hospital)

### FORT LEONARD WOOD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

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To check Severe Weather or Road Conditions

[573-563-4141](tel:573-563-4141)

On-line:

[Http://www.wood.army.mil/snair/snair.pdf](http://www.wood.army.mil/snair/snair.pdf)



**GET A KIT** : You should have an emergency kit for both your home and privately owned auto.

**MAKE A PLAN** : Ensure your family has an emergency action plan and the plan is rehearsed.

**BE INFORMED** : Know who to call for information. Post emergency contact information for quick reference.

Learn more about *Ready Army* by visiting:

<http://www.acsim.army.mil/readymy>



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### Get a home emergency kit:

- Weather Alert Radio with fresh batteries
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Candles and matches
- Cell phone with car charger
- First aid kit
- Drinking water (3 gallons per person)
- 3-day supply of non-perishable food
- Propane for gas grills
- Blankets, hats, change of clothes and shoes
- Cash (power loss disrupts electronic transactions)
- Pack in bag or box to take in your car if you leave home for shelter or travel during bad weather

### Make a plan:

- Identify three emergency contacts for Family Members. Post contact numbers by each phone.
- Inspect fire alarms and fire extinguishers.
- Conduct a walkthrough of your home to identify hazards and correct them.
- Ensure children know how to contact emergency services.
- Use only safe sources of alternative heat such as fireplaces, small well-vented wood or coal stoves and portable space heaters.
- Identify Shelter location in home, have plan for Shelter if not at home
- Contact Unit, FRG, Supervisors and family to report status and/or ask for help
- Units and organizations should contact rosters

*\*\*Every Family Member needs to practice the plan. People often become confused and disoriented when stressed.*

### Be informed:

- Weather Alert Radio**
- Local Radio Stations: \
- Waynesville/St Robert: FM 97.9, 98.9**
- Rolla: FM 99.7, AM 1590**
- Lebanon: FM 103.7, AM 750**
- Ft Leonard Wood Desktop Alert
- FLW CableTV (Cable America Ch. 59)
- Ft Leonard Wood Web Page
- Tornado Sirens/Giant Voice Towers
- Local TV stations

## Tornado

When a **TORNADO** has been sighted, stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Protect yourself from flying debris. **Take cover immediately.**

- In a house or small building, go to the basement or storm cellar. If there is no basement, go to an interior part of the structure on the lower level (closet, interior hallways).
- In a school, nursing home, hospital, factory or shopping center, go to the interior hallways on the lowest level possible.
- In a vehicle, trailer, or mobile home, get out immediately and go to a more suitable structure (ditch, culvert or sturdy building).
- Do not attempt to flee from a tornado in a car; cars are no match for the swift erratic movement of these storms.
- Be alert to fire and shock hazards such as broken electrical wires, damaged electrical equipment, gas/oil leaks, or smoldering piles of debris.
- If your home is badly damaged, contact your unit for information on temporary quarters.
- Do not touch downed power lines, call the power company or 563-4045/6126 on post.

*\*\*After a tornado, keep tuned to local radio or TV station to get an "all clear" before leaving your shelter. Fort Leonard Wood will announce the "all clear" over Giant Voice.*

### **How will you know to take shelter?**

- Weather Alert Radio warnings are triggered by the National Weather Service
- Communities have Tornado Sirens that are set off by local Emergency Managers
- Tornado Sirens, Giant Voice and Desktop Alert are initiated by the Emergency Operations Center when Ft Leonard Wood has a Tornado Warning
- Outdoor alert systems are not designed to be heard indoors** . If you hear a siren, tune into local radio and TV to get more information

*\*\*\* Fort Leonard Wood may declare a Tornado Warning before the National Weather Service does. Fort Leonard Wood needs more time to react than our neighbors to protect equipment and Soldiers in the field.*

## Flooding

- The Fort Leonard Wood area has experienced significant flooding several times in the last 100 years, the most recent being in the early part of 2008.
- Find out if the place where you work or live is in a flood plain.
- When a flood threatens, the priority is to save lives first and then property. If you have time, move valuable possessions, important records and keepsakes to the upper floors. Fill the bathtubs and sinks with fresh water.
- If you have to leave:, turn off all electrical power at the main switch and also turn off water and natural gas at the main shut-off valves. Teach all Family Members how to turn off the utilities. Secure items stored outside or bring them indoors. Move pesticides and other toxic chemicals where they will not be touched by floodwaters.
- Follow emergency broadcast instructions about protecting your house with sandbags.
- Listen to your weather radio, local TV or local radio for emergency instructions. If ordered to evacuate, do so right away. Delay will risk your life and the lives of people who may have to rescue you.
- Make sure you know several different routes of escape from your neighborhood. Ensure to take the route recommended by emergency authorities; a shortcut could get you caught in the flood.
- Do not try to drive through flood waters. If your vehicle stalls in water, abandon it right away and walk to higher ground.

