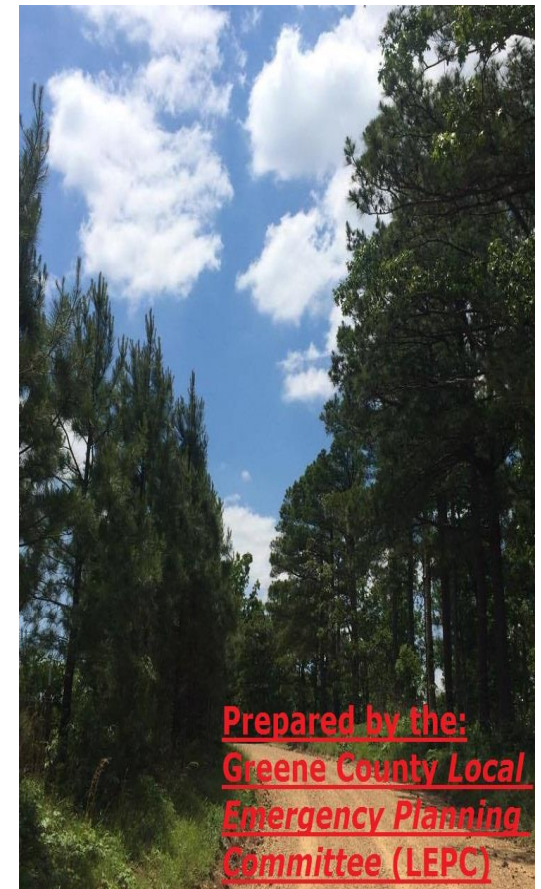


“He who fails to plan is planning to fail.” – Sir Winston Churchill

The Greene County LEPC serves as the link between citizens, industry, and government in promoting planning, training, education, and professional development of its members in order to enhance programs which encourage the safety and health of the residents of Greene County. These initiatives include conducting educational programs to help the public understand safety risks and community rights.

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Hazards of Greene County Tornadoes





A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm. Tornado intensities are classified on the Fujita Scale with ratings between F0 (weakest) to F5 (strongest). Tornadoes are capable of destroying structures, uprooting trees, tossing cars, and downing utility poles.

Tornado Watch

This means that tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans, check supplies as well as your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued.

Tornado Warning

This means a tornado has been spotted by a trained person or is radar indicated. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property and should be taken seriously. If a tornado warning is issued for your area, **take cover immediately!**

“Tragedy is a tool for the living to gain wisdom, not a guide by which to live.”
- Robert F. Kennedy

How to Prepare for a Tornado

- During any severe weather event, you are strongly advised to monitor local weather media via radio or television to remain informed about watches or warnings
- Understand your community’s warning system/alerts
- Know where tornado safe rooms are in your home, office, or school. These are best found in a basement/storm cellar or in an interior room on the lowest level of the structures with no windows
- Practice occasional tornado drills using your safe room

Remain Weather Aware!

During a Tornado

- **Do Not Panic!**
- If a tornado warning is issued for your area, take cover in your safe room immediately.
- If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement or sturdy structure. If none are available:
 - Safely drive to a nearby shelter
 - If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. If you become stuck in your vehicle for the event, put your seatbelt on and your head down below the windows covering your hands with a blanket if possible.
- Your decision should be driven by your specific circumstances.

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