PREPAREDNESS GUIDEPOST

Make sure your family and home are ready in case severe weather strikes. Knowing safety tips and having severe weather plans in place are the best way to prepare.

- Listen to the radio or watch the news for critical weather information.
- Check disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
- Bring items inside that could be picked up by the wind.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting. Keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- Prepare your home by turning off propane tank, unplugging small appliances, and filling your vehicles gas tank.
- Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special needs and make plans for your pets to be cared for.

LIGHTNING SAFETY

- Do not get caught outside. If you cannot get to a safe building or vehicle:
  - Avoid open areas
  - Stay away from isolated trees, towers, or utility poles.
  - Stay away from metal conductors, lightning can travel long distances through it
- Avoid the lightning threat
  - Have a lightning safety plan
  - Postpone outdoor activities
  - Monitor the weather
  - Get to a safe place
  - Keep away from electrical equipment and plumbing

https://emergency.oregonstate.edu/emergency-preparedness/preparedness-topics
https://www.ready.gov/
https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/lightning/safetytips.html