

A dark, stormy sky with a bright lightning bolt striking down, serving as a background for the title.

Storm Preparation Ideas

After the recent storms and hail, it has become very apparent that there are probably things that can be done to better prepare us for a storm of such magnitude. Here's a list of useful things to know and think about before another thunder, rain, or hail storm hits.

- 1. Weather Warnings:** What is the difference between a storm WATCH and a storm WARNING?
 - A storm **WATCH** indicates that a storm in the area is possible or is nearby.
 - A storm **WARNING** indicates that a storm is in the area and has been detected by weather spotters or by radar.
- 2. Insurance:** Review your home and property insurance policies to make sure you have adequate coverage.
- 3. Home:** Clear debris from gutters and downspouts. Call CPS to have them trim branches away from power lines. Trim or hire someone to trim dead branches that wind might cause to fall on vehicles parked outside. Inspect doors and windows and, if necessary, re-caulk around doors and windows to protect from wind-driven rain.
- 4. Have a basic emergency kit** located in the house where all household members know where to find it.