

Wind Safety Checklist

we can take the same safety precautions most often identified for tornado (and hurricane) safety and use it in response to high wind threats. For example:

- ☐ If high winds are forecast, bring lightweight items indoors or tie them down.
- ☐ Watch out for downed power lines and report any downed power lines to the utility company.
- ☐ If you are in a lightweight or low profile vehicle, consider waiting to travel until winds die down.
- ☐ In extreme cases, stay in an interior room or basement of your house/business and avoid windows. Interestingly, according to high wind preparedness experts, garage doors are often the first feature in a home to fail due to high winds.
- ☐ Do not remain in light or poorly constructed structures that may be subject to blow down or collapse –
- ☐ Stay out of structures with wide, free-span roofs like auditoriums and gyms.
- ☐ Secure or move indoors all items which could become projectiles.
- ☐ Avoid areas/structures immediately subject to tree/branch falls (special note: pine beetle-kill forest areas are uniquely subject to blow-down due to dried or damaged root systems).

Keep up with developments from the National Weather Service online or on the radio.