



# News Now

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## >>> State Officials Urge Safety After Tornadoes, Power Outages

The State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center today said the National Weather Service storm survey teams confirmed eight tornadoes struck Ohio late Monday night/early Tuesday morning, including five in the Miami Valley area, which left catastrophic damage and massive power outages in its wake. Confirmed tornadoes include:

- EF3 – Trotwood, **Montgomery County**
- EF3 – Beaver Creek, **Greene County**
- EF3 – Celina, **Mercer County**
- EF2 – Vandalia, **Montgomery County**
- EF0 – near Phillipsburg, **Miami/Montgomery Counties**
- EF0 – near Circleville, **Pickaway County**
- EF1 – Tarlton, **Pickaway County**
- EF2 – Laurelville, **Hocking County**



More than 34,000 customers remain without power in the Dayton/Miami Valley area. The following lists safety tips from [Dayton Power & Light](#) are useful in any weather emergency no matter where you live/work:

### **Never Touch a Power Line**

If you see a fallen or sagging power line or a line that is in contact with tree branches or other foliage, assume it is live and dangerous. Report fallen wires to your local power company. If there is a life-threatening emergency, call 911 immediately.

### **Allow Utility Crews to Focus on Restoration**

When utility crews arrive in a neighborhood, it is not uncommon for people to want to talk about the status of restoration. These crews are dealing with extremely hazardous conditions and need to focus their attention on their technical and dangerous jobs. For your and their safety, please stay away from utility crews and their vehicles. Also, if you have pets in your yard, put them inside if pets need to access your property.

### **Be Careful Using Candles and Portable Generators**

#### **Candles**

Avoid using candles, if possible. Flashlights or battery-operated lanterns are a safer alternative. If you do use candles, be sure to place them on a stable surface away from combustible materials, and be careful around children and pets. Never leave burning candles unattended.

#### **Portable Generators**

Follow all manufacturer's instructions and think safety first. NEVER use a generator inside homes, garages, crawlspaces, sheds or similar areas, even when using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation. Deadly levels of carbon monoxide can quickly build up in these areas and can linger for hours, even after the generator has shut off. Store generator fuel in approved containers away from your home.

Never refuel a hot generator. Turn it off and let it cool before adding more fuel.

[Portable generator information](#)

### **Food Safety**

Practice safe food handling during power outages to prevent food-borne illnesses. Spoiled food may not look contaminated – when in doubt, throw it out.

[Additional Food Safety Tips](#)

The following shelters are providing aid to storm victims:

#### **Montgomery County**

Corinthian Baptist Church  
700 S. James H. McGee Blvd.  
Dayton, OH 45402

Mt. Enon Baptist Church  
1501 W. Third St.  
Dayton, OH 45402

The Ridge  
7555 Brookville Phillipsburg Road  
Brookville, OH 45309

Morton Middle School – Vandalia Butler City Schools  
8555 Peters Pike  
Vandalia, OH 45377

#### **Greene County**

First Baptist Church of Kettering  
3939 Swigart Road  
Dayton, OH 45440

#### **Mercer County**

Fraternal Order of Eagles  
101 W. Walnut St.  
Coldwater, OH 45828

### **Helpful Resources**

[Tips for Survivors of a Disaster or Other Traumatic Event : Coping with Retraumatization](#)

[Tips for Survivors: Coping With Grief After a Disaster or Traumatic Event](#)

[PFA: Parent Tips for Helping School-Age Children After Disasters](#)

[PFA: Parent Tips for Helping Preschool-Age Children After Disasters](#)

[PFA: Parent Tips for Helping Infants and Toddlers After Disasters](#)

[National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)

[SAMHSA: Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery](#)

[SAMHSA Disaster App](#)

[SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline](#)

[Ohio Emergency Management Agency](#)

### **>>> Collaborating with the Faith Community in Suicide Prevention Webinar – June 26**

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation will host its next Lunch-N-Learn webinar [Collaborating with the Faith Community in Suicide Prevention](#) June 26 from noon-1 p.m. Guest presenter Dr. Melinda Moore, assistant professor, licensed psychologist and author of the book *The Suicide Funeral*, will provide tips and strategies for collaborating with

the faith community in suicide prevention and postvention. Click the link for more information and to register. Questions? Please contact [support@ohiospf.org](mailto:support@ohiospf.org).

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- 5.29.19 | *The Plain Dealer* [U.S. Surgeon General, Cleveland Clinic doctors says naloxone is critical to reducing opioid overdose deaths](#)
- 5.29.19 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Ohio sees new weekend surge in overdose deaths with 11 in Hamilton County, 8 in Cuyahoga](#)
- 5.29.19 | *The Plain Dealer* [Health officials urging use of free fentanyl test strips after another wave of fatal overdoses in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County](#)
- 5.28.19 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Helping people through recovery](#)
- 5.28.19 | *The Athens Messenger* [Edwards named NAMI Ohio Legislator of Year](#)
- 5.28.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Incompetent defendants usually return for their day in court](#)
- 5.28.19 | *Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune* [Wood County ADAMHS Board has new leader](#)
- 5.27.19 | *WEKU 88.9* [Working toward recovery: Ohio town fights addiction with focus on economy](#)
- 5.27.19 | *The AthensNEWS* [New OU study profiles changing face of suicide in Ohio](#)
- 5.27.19 | *Eaton Register-Herald* [Preble County Court hears drug, weapons, assault cases](#)
- 5.27.19 | *WRGT-TV* [Local teen leading drug free platform as Miss Teen Ohio International](#)
- 5.26.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Ohio proposal would help families keep custody of severely mentally ill, autistic children](#)
- 5.26.19 | *The Plain Dealer (Guest Column)* [Mark Mecum: We need solutions for Ohio's foster care crisis](#)
- 5.26.19 | *East Liverpool Review* [FRC experiences growth](#)
- 5.26.19 | *Kent-Ravenna Record Courier* [NEOMED receives \\$500,000 OhioMHAS grant](#)
- 5.25.19 | *NPR* [As Opioids Fuel Growing Female Prison Population, Ohio Tries Alternative Treatment](#)
- 5.25.19 | *The Washington Post* [Instagram public awareness campaign aims for real talk about mental health](#)
- 5.24.19 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Wayne County kicks off initiative to reduce juvenile detention](#)
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