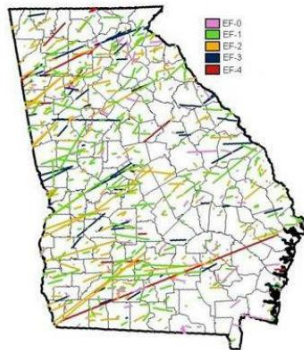


- Tornado season in Georgia peaks during the months of March, April & May.

Georgia Tornado Tracks 1950 -- 2009



- All of Georgia is prone to tornadoes. The average number of days with reported tornadoes is 6 in Georgia. Tornadoes have been reported throughout the year, but are most likely to occur from March to May with the peak in April. Tornadoes are also most likely in the mid afternoon to early evening time frame, but can occur any time of the day or night.

- Thirty-seven percent of all tornadoes are classified as strong or violent (EF2 or greater on the Enhanced Fujita Scale), and these tornadoes are most likely to occur in the month of April.
- Although Georgia has seen a few EF-4 tornadoes, with the most recent one on April 27, 2011 in Catoosa County, the state has never recorded an EF-5 tornado.
- In Georgia, tornadoes are often hard to see as they are wrapped in areas of rain and hail. The hilly terrain can also limit your ability to see a tornado.



- Start preparing now & educate yourself!
- Know the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning.

- A Tornado Watch alerts us signifying that weather conditions are conducive to a tornado and that a tornado is possible in your area.
- A Tornado Warning signifies that a tornado has been spotted in your area and shelter should be taken immediately.

For more information about tornado safety, visit:

<http://ready.ga.gov/be-informed/tornadoes/>

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/tornadoes/>

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/tornado>