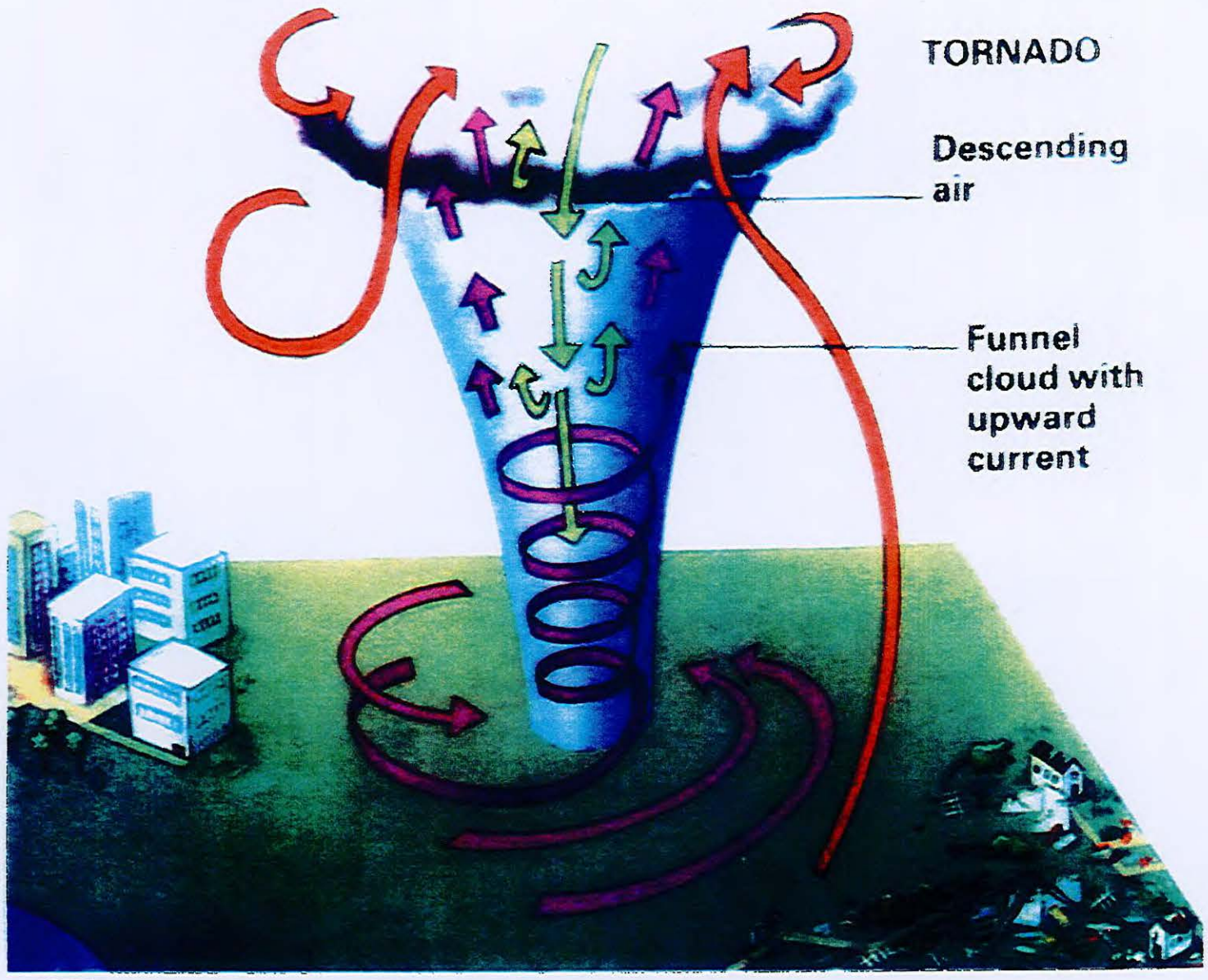
Minneapolis Building Safety Month

May 2012 Week two: Disaster Safety and Mitigation



Be Prepared:

*Have a plan of where to go in case of evacuation or when emergency shelter is required

* Set up a communications plan – a person every one can call and coordinate with if you are separated

Emergency Supply Kits Should Include:

*battery operated radio (NOAA Weather Radio) and extra batteries *one gallon of water per day - per person for a minimum of 3 days *medications *canned food * hand-operated can opener *durable shoes and a change of clothing for each person*blankets or sleeping bags *fire extinguisher *flash lights and batteries *matches in a waterproof container *garbage bags for sanitation *first aid kit and manual

FOOD & WATER & BATTERIES SHOULD BE REPLACED ONCE A YEAR

ps..... don't forget about your pet's needs

Where Can You Go When a Tornado Hits?

*First, you need get to a protected place so you don't get drawn into the tornado. Generally the lowest room in the house is advised.

*Second, a really big danger is flying glass and debris so you need to stay way from windows and doors. A closet or under the stairs might be best.

*FEMA has instructions on building a 'safe room' on their web site at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/saferoom/