

OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM

The City of River Oaks Outdoor Warning System may be activated for any kind of emergency - not just severe weather.

People often have the misconception that the sirens are meant to be heard indoors. However, the system is intended to be heard outdoors. You may not hear it inside or in noisy areas.

To receive emergency notifications indoors, the Office of Emergency Management recommends a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Radio Administration) All Hazards and Weather Alert Radio with the Specific Area Message Encoding feature.

The NOAA radio allows you to keep up to date on all types of emergencies 24 hours a day. You can buy one at many local retailers starting at \$ 30. NOAA radios with the SAME feature can be programmed to provide emergency information specific to your area. The codes for Tarrant and surrounding counties are below.

- * Tarrant County 048439
- * Dallas County..... 048113
- * Denton County..... 048121
- * Johnson County.....048251
- * Parker County.....048367
- * Wise County.....048497

When you hear the Outdoor Warning System sound, you should **immediately go inside** and tune to local news for more information. Once indoors, go to the lowest level, most interior space in your home or office.

Sirens are activated for one or more of the following conditions:

- * Tornado or funnel cloud reported by reliable source such as qualified storm spotter or RACES with approval by Emergency Management Duty Officer.
- * Sustained winds in excess of 70 mph
- * Reports of hail larger than 1 ½ inch diameter or larger
- * Chemical spill emergency
- * State or national emergency declared by the governor or president.

*** Discretion of Office of Emergency Management Duty Officer**

The Outdoor Warning System is tested every Wednesday at 1 p.m., unless conditions are favorable for severe weather.