

# Outdoor Warning Sirens

Spring brings with it increased risk of severe weather. While tornadoes and severe thunderstorms can occur at any time, they are more likely to occur in the early afternoon hours.

A severe weather **WATCH** means conditions are favorable for severe weather to occur in the watch area. You should plan and prepare for the possibility of severe weather and listen to radio and television for later statements or warnings.

A severe weather **WARNING** means that severe weather is occurring and you should take the necessary safety precautions. If a **TORNADO WARNING** is issued, the outdoor warning sirens will sound a steady three (3) minute warning signal. **Take cover immediately** and listen to radio or television for more information.

The first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. a test is conducted of the outdoor warning sirens. [See testing schedule.](#)

**NOTE:** Siren tests are not conducted during December, January, or February due to winter weather.