



THE CITY OF FOREST HILL OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN SYSTEM

Our outdoor warning system consists of seven Fort Worth sirens that surround our city and two Forest Hill sirens that provide coverage for the center of our community. These sirens are designed to serve as a warning for people outside of their business or residence. The Forest Hill sirens will function on the same time schedule as the Fort Worth siren system. Therefore, anytime these nine sirens are activated they should be heard from any outdoor location within the City of Forest Hill.

If you hear the sirens sounding, seek shelter immediately. Make your way to a sturdy building and seek shelter in an interior room, away from windows and exterior walls. Turn on a radio or television and listen to a local station for more information. If you are in your vehicle and a sturdy building is not available, find the most low-lying area (ditch, ravine, etc.) lay flat on your stomach and cover your head with your hands.

Sirens will be activated for:

- A tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service
- Tornado or tunnel cloud reported by a reliable source
- Sustained winds in excess of 60 miles per hour
- Report of hail larger than one inch
- State or national emergency declared by the governor or president

Sirens will be activated by orders from:

- The Fire Chief or his assistant
- The Police Chief or his assistant
- The City Manager or his designee
- The Mayor or his designee

Siren testing schedule:

- The warning system will be tested weekly
- Every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. (weather conditions permitting)
- Ninety (90) seconds on the first Wednesday
- Fifteen (15) seconds on other Wednesdays
- Tests will not be conducted if severe weather is a probability

Receiving alerts indoors:

- The Office of Emergency Management recommends a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) All Hazards and Weather Alert Radio with the specific Area Message Encoding feature.
- You can purchase a NOAA radio from many local retailers (\$35.00 and up).
- 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:
 - Tarrant County – 048439
 - Dallas County – 048113
 - Denton County – 048121
 - Johnson County – 048251
 - Parker County – 048367
 - Wise County – 048497

Contact your local Emergency Management Office if you have questions or need assistance (817-531-5715 or 817-531-5717).