

City of Richardson Outdoor Warning System Test

1st Wednesday of Every Month at Noon Beginning January 7, 2009



These tests will include approximately 30 seconds of audible siren sound. For additional information regarding the system, test schedule, siren locations, and steps you can take to protect yourself and your family during emergency situations, please visit www.COR.net/EM or contact Mistie Gardner in the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security at mistie.gardner@cor.gov or 972-744-4212.

The Warning System will be activated when:

1. The National Weather Service issues a Richardson area Tornado Warning or Severe Thunderstorm Warning when destructive winds are at or above 70 mph.
2. Trained storm spotters have reported a tornado with the potential to affect Richardson.
3. Hail of 1.75 - 2 inches in diameter is imminent.
4. Deemed necessary by City of Richardson officials.

You may not be able to hear the sirens indoors or during an actual event due to high winds and weather conditions. Secure a NOAA weather radio with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) technology to provide dependable indoor warning information to your family.



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What to do if you hear the sirens when a test is not scheduled:

1. Seek shelter indoors and turn on local media (Cable channel 16, local broadcast channels, radio).
2. Follow directions from local officials.
3. **ONLY** call 911 in case of an actual emergency or when no information is being broadcast regarding the emergency.



KnoWhat2Do
Think. Prepare. Act.

It is critical for Richardson residents to know what to do in the event of a disaster or crisis situation, no matter where, when or how it happens. "KnoWhat2Do" is a new program that provides citizens with the knowledge and basic preparedness skills that will help them manage disaster or crisis situations in North Central Texas. These events could include health epidemics, severe weather, exposure to hazardous materials, evacuation procedures and even dangers specific to holidays. To be ready, citizens must "think" about possible threats, "prepare" for them and "act" swiftly if a disaster occurs. Your safety depends on whether you "KnoWhat2Do." Learn more at www.cor.net/EM or contact Mistie Gardner at 972-744-4212 or mistie.gardner@cor.gov for an educational DVD or Guidebook.

Think.

The first step to being prepared is knowing what potential hazards are facing you and your loved ones.

Therefore, we must THINK!

Learn about the common hazards facing us in North Central Texas. When faced with potential disaster, it is imperative that we have all done our homework. We must THINK first before we PREPARE and ultimately ACT.

Find out more at www.COR.net/EM

Prepare.

You need to have plans and supplies in place to make it on your own, at least for a limited time, no matter where you are, or when an emergency happens.

Learn how to create an Emergency Supply Kit for your home and your vehicle. Find ways to create Personal Safety Plans and tips on establishing a Communication Plan. There are also helpful tips for preparing for your loved ones with special needs. And speaking of loved ones, there are ideas and tips for protecting your pets and livestock.

Act.

OK. You, the average citizen, can make an impact on the Disaster Preparedness of North Central Texas.

Once you've identified the hazards and learned how to ready yourself, you'll need the practical information that will help you act swiftly in the event disaster strikes. It's time to get plugged-in to a volunteer network, and get ready to

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