

Siren Warning Protocol for Sumpter Township

In the event of an emergency that requires the public/community to be notified by use of the township siren system, the following protocol should be followed:

1. In the event of inclement weather (severe thunderstorm with possible severe damaging winds, large hail or tornado warning), the sirens will be activated. The community response to the activation should be to seek shelter on the lowest level (basement) of their dwelling or inside a nearby building if outside or in a mobile home.
2. If no basement is available, move into the interior area of the building with as few windows as possible and take cover. Residents inside mobile homes should move to an emergency site inside their park if the current conditions permit such a move.
3. If the siren system is activated and there is no apparent bad weather, residents are advised to tune in to local TV and radio stations for possible public service announcements which may be related to a non-weather emergency condition (i.e. hazardous material spill, wild fire, Nuclear Power Plant condition etc).
4. Based on Sumpter Township's location within Wayne County, the monitoring of neighboring counties, Washtenaw, Monroe and Lenawee takes place in an effort to obtain as much advance severe weather condition information as possible.

Actual weather/emergency related siren activation cycles run steady for 5 minutes. Please be advised, activation cycles may be repeated during an incident to ensure residents are alerted to the situation at hand.

**The siren system is tested on the first Friday of each month at 12:00 noon.
The test cycle runs steady for 3 minutes.**