

FULTON COUNTY TORNADO SAFETY

How is the Public Warned?

1. OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

Fulton County has 39 sirens located throughout the county. The sirens are activated from the Sheriff's Office and sounded to warn of a tornado if one has been sighted in Fulton County or if the National Weather Service has issued a tornado warning. The OUTDOOR warning system is designed to warn residents who are OUTSIDE ONLY. These sirens are not designed to be heard indoors. Residents should seek shelter if they hear a warning siren and should monitor local news for weather updates. These sirens are tested on the first Friday of every month at noon.

2. NOAA WEATHER RADIOS

This is a tool that each individual should have in their home. Like a smoke detector alerts to smoke in the home, a NOAA weather radio will serve as an in-home alert if the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning. These radios are programmable by geographic location and will alert those in their homes at any time of day or night if a tornado warning has been issued.

3. LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO

Local news and radio stations will inform residents of the current weather situation and will be accessible while you are sheltered inside. The NOAA radio will also be a direct link to the National Weather Service which provides up-to-date weather status reports.

What Should You Do In the Event of a Tornado Warning?

- Immediately go inside
- Proceed to an interior room or hallway in the lowest floor of the house/building
- Stay away from windows and doors
- Get under something sturdy such as a table if possible and cover yourself with a blanket to protect from debris
- Continue to listen to the NOAA weather radio, monitor local television and radio stations for situational updates and to see when the danger has passed

FULTON COUNTY WILL NOT ISSUE AN "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL

Visit www.fultoncountyoh.com for updates on severe weather situations

Check out some free weather apps for your smartphone:

- ✓ NOAA Now
- ✓ The Weather Channel
- ✓ American Red Cross



What Can YOU Do Now To Prepare?

- Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio
- Find the safest spot in your home and make sure everyone in your family knows where that is
- Make a safety plan and practice, practice, practice
- Have a safety kit with flashlights and batteries in case you lose power

These activities listed above take less than 30 minutes and \$30.00

