

WARNING SIREN TESTING

The City of Mound City tests its **outdoor weather warning sirens** at 11:00 A.M. on the first Wednesday of each month.

The monthly test of the **weather warning sirens** will not occur if threatening weather is possible or when the temperature is at or below freezing.

DEFINITIONS

Tornado Watch: Means conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop. It is normally issued for 4-6 hours and includes many counties. If you are in or near the tornado watch area, stay informed via NOAA Weather radio commercial radio or television. Keep your eye on the sky, and be prepared to take cover on short notice, as tornadoes can occur with little or not warning.

Tornado Warning: Means that a tornado has been sighted, or a developing tornado is reported by trained spotters or indicated on Doppler radar. A warning is typically issued for a small area for less than an hour. People in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Means that conditions are favorable for thunderstorms to develop in the watch area. These watches are issued for 4-6 hours at a time, and for a number of counties. Stay informed, watch the sky, and take cover if a severe thunderstorm approaches.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: Means that a severe thunderstorm has been detected by radar, or a trained spotter reports a thunderstorm producing wind gusts to 58 mph or stronger or hail $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or larger in the warning area. These storms can produce tornadoes with little or no advance warning.

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CITY OF MOUND CITY

WARNING SIREN ACTIVATION



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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In order to clarify and educate residents of the City of Mound City concerning the activation of the **weather warning sirens** the policies annotated below are followed.

These parameters were recently adopted by the Mound City Board of Aldermen.



The **weather warning sirens** will be **activated** under the following conditions:

Upon notification from the National Weather Service (NWS) that our area is under a tornado warning.

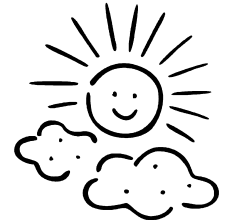
Upon the actual sighting of a tornado by law enforcement, fire service or trained weather spotters.

Severe thunderstorms with sustained winds at 80 MPH or greater shall be treated in the same manner as a tornado warning.

Sirens will sound for about **three (3) minutes**. In the event that a previously issued tornado warning expires and the NWS issues a new tornado warning for the area, the **weather warning sirens** will be activated again in response to the new warning.

It is important to remember that the sirens are NOT in place to be heard indoors. Every home should have a NOAA Weather Radio to ensure adequate notification of a pending tornado.

When you hear the outdoor sirens you should immediately tune to a local television or radio station for further news and instructions.



ALL CLEAR

There is **NO audible signal** that indicates that the particular threat has ended and **“ALL CLEAR”** has been received from the National Weather Service.