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INITIAL TESTING OF NEW OUTDOOR WEATHER SIRENS
SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 12

Sirens designed to alert residents of tornado warnings

FORSYTH COUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) plans to test the county’s new outdoor severe weather sirens on Wednesday, November 12 at noon, weather permitting. During this siren system test, both the warning alert tone and the test tone will be heard.

Forsyth County recently installed 12 new weather sirens (11 new locations, one replacement) throughout the county to notify residents who are outdoors that severe weather is in the area. In the event Forsyth County is placed under a tornado warning, the sirens will be activated.

“The sirens are designed to provide notice of impending severe weather to those who are outdoors,” Fire Chief and EMA Director Danny Bowman said. “When the siren sounds, residents need to seek shelter immediately.”

The sound residents will hear on November 12, however, will only be a test.

“If the test is successful, the outdoor weather sirens will be deemed in-service,” EMA Coordinator Lorraine Morris said. “At that point, regular monthly testing will take place.”

Monthly testing of the audible siren will take place at noon on the first Wednesday of every month, weather permitting. The test tone produces the Westminster Chimes sound.

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