

River Falls Emergency Weather Warning Siren Test Dates 2017

The City of River Falls will be doing audible testing of the outdoor warning siren system on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in conjunction with the National Weather Service. If actual severe or threatening weather exists on this date, the test will be postponed until Friday, April 21st. Listed below is the audible test schedule for 2017. If severe or threatening weather exists on any of these scheduled dates, the test will be the next day (Tuesday) at the same time.

- Monday, March 27th at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, March 28st at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, April 20th at 1:45 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Friday, April 21st at 1:45 p.m.
- Monday, May 22nd at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, May 23rd at 1 p.m.
- Monday, June 26th at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, June 27th at 1 p.m.
- Monday, July 24th at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, July 25th at 1 p.m.
- Monday, August 28th at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, August 29th at 1 p.m.
- Monday, September 25th at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, September 26th at 1 p.m.

On duty staff at the River Falls Police Department monitor developing weather conditions and initiate activation of the weather sirens based on the following protocol.

- A. When conditions exist indicating immediate danger of a tornado or severe thunderstorm.
- B. If the National Weather Service issues a tornado or severe thunderstorm warning and such conditions are threatening locally.
- C. When local law enforcement from the area advise of approaching severe weather conditions, sightings of tornadoes or high winds.
- D. If storm conditions exist and public sightings of tornadoes or high winds are reported locally.

It is important to remember the City of River Falls does not sound an “all clear” after an actual activation of the outdoor warning system.

All community members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with safe practices regarding severe weather. Information can be obtained at the National Weather Service website at: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/safety.php> or Wisconsin Emergency Management website at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov> or by calling the River Falls Police Department.