

River Falls Emergency Weather Warning Siren Test Dates 2020

The City of River Falls will be doing audible testing of the outdoor warning siren system on Thursday, April 16, 2020 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 17th. Listed below is the audible test schedule for 2020. 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 23rd at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, March 24th at 1 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 16th at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Friday, April 17th at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.
- **Monday, May 18th at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, May 19th at 1 p.m.
- **Monday, June 22nd at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, June 23rd at 1 p.m.
- **Monday, July 27th at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, July 28th at 1 p.m.
- **Monday, August 24th at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, August 25th at 1 p.m.
- **Monday, September 28th at 1 p.m.**
-Make-up date – Tuesday, September 29th 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 that indicate immediate danger of a tornado or severe thunderstorm with dangerous winds of 70 mph or above.
- B. If the weather service announces a tornado or severe thunderstorm warning with dangerous winds of 70 mph or above and such conditions are threatening locally.
- C. If storm conditions exist and public and/or law enforcement sightings of a tornado 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: <https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/wem> or by calling the River Falls Police Department.