

River Falls Emergency Weather Warning Siren Test Dates 2021

The City of River Falls will be doing audible testing of the outdoor warning siren system on Thursday, April 15, 2021 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 16th. Listed below is the audible test schedule for 2021. 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 22nd at 1 p.m.**
 - Make-up date – Tuesday, March 23rd at 1 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 15th at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.**
 - Make-up date – Friday, April 16th at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.
- **Monday, May 17th at 1 p.m.**
 - Make-up date – Tuesday, May 18th at 1 p.m.
- **Monday, June 28th at 1 p.m.**
 - Make-up date – Tuesday, June 29th at 1 p.m.
- **Monday, July 26th at 1 p.m.**
 - Make-up date – Tuesday, July 27th at 1 p.m.
- **Monday, August 23rd at 1 p.m.**
 - Make-up date – Tuesday, August 24th at 1 p.m.
- **Monday, September 27th at 1 p.m.**
 - Make-up date – Tuesday, September 28th 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.