

## City of Marshall Weather Sirens

### If the Sirens go off, is there definitely a tornado?

No, the sirens are Early Warning sirens for the purpose of informing the public as early as possible about the possibility of dangerous weather conditions in our area.

### When are the Early Warning Sirens activated?

Current policy for the City of Marshall is if the National Weather Service (NWS) issues a WARNING for an area that includes a part of Marshall City limits, the early warning sirens are activated.

For Clarification, the **NWS definition of warnings, watches, and advisories** are listed below:

### Watch vs. Warning vs. Advisory

**Watch** – A watch is issued when the risk of a hazardous weather or hydrologic event has increased significantly, but **its occurrence, location, and/or timing is still uncertain**. It is intended to provide enough lead time so those who need to set their plans in motion can do so. ***Watches evolve into warnings, advisories, or they are canceled.***

**Warning** – A warning is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, is imminent, or **has a very high probability of occurrence**. A warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property. The NWS is the single “official” voice when issuing warnings for life-threatening situations.

**Advisory** – An advisory is for **less serious conditions** that cause significant inconvenience and if caution is not exercised could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.

*The City of Marshall only activates the sirens for WARNINGS – Severe Thunderstorm warning or Tornado warning.*

### What should you do if you hear the Early Warning Sirens activated?

You should monitor local TV, Radio, Weather Radio, or the Internet, however you prefer to get accurate weather information and make your safety decision based on that.

### Is there an "All Clear" sound?

No. Our sirens only have one sound so we do not have an all clear tone or sound. We recommend continuing to monitor the radio, television, weather radio or internet until you have determined it to be safe.

### Who activates the Sirens?

The Early Warning Sirens are activated from the Police/Fire/911 Dispatch Center. The dispatchers are instructed when to activate them by the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Marshall.

### Does the City of Marshall provide weather information related to the sirens?

Yes. At no cost\* the City of Marshall will send email or text messages to anyone that wants it about the weather conditions\*\* during the activation of the early warning sirens.

### How many Early Warning Sirens are there in the City of Marshall?

There are three sirens located at:

1. Washington Early Childhood, Evans Street
2. Travis Elementary, Carolanne
3. Oak Lawn Golf Course, Victory Drive

\*fees for text messages may apply from your current cell phone service provider  
\*\*email and text messages are sent with weather information anytime the NWS issues a Watch or Warning.

If you would like to be on this list, email your request to [weatherinfo@marshalltexas.net](mailto:weatherinfo@marshalltexas.net).

The City of Marshall makes no guarantees for the accuracy or timeliness of delivered messages. We have had good results thus far but are sometimes at the mercy of other equipment or services through the internet for the delivery of the messages.