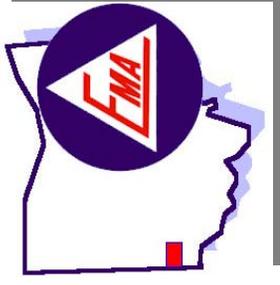


If you have questions about indoor weather alert radios or outdoor warning sirens, contact the Butler County Emergency Management Agency at (513) 785-5810.



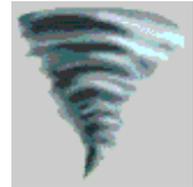
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**WHEN WILL  
THE OUTDOOR  
WARNING  
SIRENS SOUND  
FOR  
SEVERE  
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BUTLER  
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OHIO?**



**TORNADO WARNINGS**



Some political subdivisions within Butler County provide and maintain **OUTDOOR** warning siren systems. These systems are designed to provide an audible alert for persons that are just that -“Outdoors.” The system is not designed to provide an audible alert for those persons indoors. The function of the siren is to alert residents to **TAKE SHELTER** and turn on the TV or battery operated radio to become informed.

Stay informed by calling the Butler County Emergency Information Hotline at:  
**513-785-5800**



## **SIREN SIGNALS USED IN BUTLER COUNTY:**

The function of the siren is to alert residents to **TAKE SHELTER** and/or go indoors and turn on the radio and/or TV to become informed. Major uses of the sirens within Butler County are under the following conditions:

- The issuance of a tornado warning by the National Weather Service (NWS)
- An impending enemy attack
- A chemical emergency in progress

The outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Wednesday of each month, at 12:00 noon. The tests are not conducted when there is the possibility of severe weather on that day.

To ensure that you receive the most timely and current severe weather information utilize a *tone alerting weather* radio that will receive severe weather watches and warnings broadcast directly from the National Weather Service (NWS) over their NOAA weather radio broadcast system. To best protect you, indoor warning tone alerting weather radios augment the outdoor Butler County sirens to give you an integrated indoor and outdoor warning system.

**SIRENS ARE**

## **ACTIVATED WHEN:**

A **TORNADO WARNING** - is issued by the National Weather Service when there is a possible threat of a tornado in Butler County determined by radar or satellite and/or reliable spotter, the outdoor sirens will sound a tone for five (5) minutes. *Seek safe shelter when severe weather threatens. Turn on the TV and radio for emergency information. Have available a battery operated radio and a tone alerting weather radio.*

In the event of an ENEMY NUCLEAR ATTACK OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCIES - the outdoor warning sirens will sound a tone for five (5) minutes. *Turn on TV and radio for emergency information. Seek immediate protection from radioactive fallout in the best available shelter, preferably a basement location. Have available a battery operated radio.*

Outdoor warning sirens are not used to give an “ALL CLEAR” signal. This information is given over TV or local radio. Repeated sounding of the sirens indicates additional warnings are being issued.

