

The City of Tishomingo Storm Warning Systems

City Services

Storm Siren

Installed in 2009 near the Middle School, it will sound when there is a tornado warning for our immediate area and can be heard outdoors over most of the city. Remember that storm sirens are intended as outdoor warning systems. During high winds and heavy rains, residents in well-insulated buildings with television or radios on may not hear the siren. It is designed to work even if electricity is off in the city.

Blackboard Connect

Added by the city in 2009, this service will provide automatic phone call notification to all city residents when there is a tornado warning for our immediate area. If you have a listed phone number, you should already be in the call database. You may also add a cell phone number or change your notification by either calling city hall or making the changes online through the city web site: www.tishomingo.ok.gov. Remember that phone service may be disrupted by storms.

Other Warning Services

NOAA Weather Radios

This is the warning system most highly recommended by emergency management professionals. NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) issues all severe storm warnings from their Norman, Ok headquarters, and all local storm sirens and storm notifications use this NOAA source for sounding local alarms. Having a NOAA radio in your home lets you hear the NOAA warning as soon as it is issued. NOAA radios have battery backup, so they work even if the electricity is off. Both Houser's Furniture and Courtesy PC in Tishomingo offer the weather radios at very competitive prices. Tip: select a radio which lets you "filter" the warnings by warning type and by geographic area so that you don't have to listen to a tornado warning for Lawton at 3 a.m. The Midland WR300 is a well-reviewed radio which has this feature.

Television and Internet

Local television stations provide excellent storm information and tracking, and both KTEN and KXII offer both phone and internet storm notification services (check their web pages). They rely on NOAA information as well as providing information from their own local weather and radar resources. Online weather resources such as www.weather.com and the NOAA web site www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/ may also be useful. However, power outages can disrupt television and internet service.

Tishomingo Public Storm Shelters

At the time of a severe storm alert, two public storm shelters will be open. Both of these locations have underground facilities for your protection.

- Tishomingo Elementary School at 508 N. Neshoba Avenue. Entrance location is on the south side of the school main building at the corner of Sixth Street and Neshoba Avenue.
- Tishomingo High School Gymnasium at 1300 E. Main. Entrance location is on the south side of the Gym.

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