

City of New Haven

Severe Weather Warning system

What do the City's warning sirens mean?

- **Monthly test.** The sirens are activated on the **first Monday of each month at 1 p.m.** as a test. The test is a one-minute long siren blast. The test will be cancelled if severe weather is threatening.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Warning.** The siren is activated if a severe thunderstorm warning has been issued for the immediate New Haven area. **The severe thunderstorm warning signal is a 30-second on, 30-second off siren blast,** for a total of three minutes.
- **Tornado Warning.** The siren is activated if a tornado warning has been issued for the immediate New Haven area. The tornado warning signal is **a continuous three-minute long siren blast.**

A "warning" means severe weather has been spotted either by the National Weather Service or by local emergency responders, and is threatening the immediate New Haven area. People are advised to take cover when a warning is issued.

If you are outdoors, seek shelter inside a secure building if possible. If this is impossible, seek shelter in a ditch or low-lying area and cover your head.

If you are indoors, go to the basement or lowest level of the house or structure and seek shelter away from doors and windows.