

# City of Lockhart

## OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

The five (5) strategically located Outdoor Warning Sirens (OWS) will be used to alert Lockhart residents and visitors of impending severe weather and/or chemical emergencies. The OWS are intended to provide early warning to persons outside, even though you may be able to hear them in your residence. The OWS will always be activated using a steady tone, although the sound may fluctuate due to the rotating of the OWS head.



### WHEN ARE OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS ACTIVATED?

The OWS are activated for the following emergency conditions in Lockhart;

- **SEVERE WEATHER**
  - 1) The National Weather Service (NWS) issues a Tornado Warning.
  - 2) The National Weather Service (NWS) issues a Severe Thunderstorm Warning and indicates the potential for destructive winds of 70 mph or greater.
  - 3) Observed hail of 1.50" in diameter (ping pong ball) or greater.
  - 4) Any observed weather condition, which is judged to be hazardous to people and early warning would potentially save lives.
- **CHEMICAL EMERGENCIES**
  - 1) Railroad Accidents
  - 2) Fixed Facilities
  - 3) Explosives
  - 4) Radiological Accidents

### WHAT DO I DO WHEN THEY ARE ACTIVATED?

- Move indoors and seek shelter on the lowest floor and an interior room with no windows.
- Seek additional information from local TV or radio stations.
- If chemical emergency shelter in place or evacuate if ordered to do so.

### WHAT DO I DO IF IN MOBILE HOME OR VEHICLE?

- Mobile homes and vehicles are vulnerable to the effects of tornados and severe weather. If a hardened shelter is unavailable locate a ditch or low area, lay flat and cover your head.
- If far enough away from the storm drive away from the severe weather if in vehicle, but never attempt to outrun a tornado.

### WHEN ARE THEY TESTED?

- First Monday of each month at 1 pm.
- If weather is threatening on day of the test they will not be tested. Canceled tests will not be rescheduled.

### HOW DO I RECEIVE INDOOR WARNINGS?

- You may register to receive free emergency alerts or community information via text, e-mail, or phone at [warncentraltexas.org](http://warncentraltexas.org)