



## Emergency Preparedness



## Emergency Notifications & Outdoor Warning Sirens



DeSoto Fire Rescue

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[www.desototexas.gov/fire](http://www.desototexas.gov/fire)



Keeping citizens informed.

### What is CodeRed?

CodeRed is an emergency preparedness and notification platform where you can learn about what to do when an emergency situation occurs and sign up for local alerts.

### What can CodeRed do for me?

CodeRed allows local officials to connect directly to you via text message, email and voice calls to alert you of hazards in your area like:

- Emergency Alerts
- Boil Water Advisories
- Missing Persons
- Law enforcement Advisories
- Weather Warnings
- Other General Notifications

<http://www.desototexas.gov/CodeRED>

to Sign Up for Emergency Notifications and Weather Warnings from the National Weather Service



## Wireless Emergency Alerts

Cellular telephone providers and the FCC are cooperating to send wireless emergency alerts (WEA) to your cell phone when warnings have been issued by the National Weather Service (NWS).

You may get a message on your mobile device screen alerting you to hazardous weather. There may be an audio alert as well. When you receive one of these weather alerts pay attention. Check local TV or radio or a good weather app for more information at the time of the event.

Emergency alerts sent to mobile devices can include tornadoes, extreme wind, flash floods and dust storms.

These alerts are sent via cell towers within or touching the severe weather polygon as defined by the NWS. They may not be exactly accurate but will increase awareness when severe weather is near, and provide severe weather warnings to those carrying cell phones with better focus than ever before.



WIRELESS  
EMERGENCY  
ALERTS

## Disaster Supply Kit & Family Emergency Communications Plan



<https://www.ready.gov>

<http://knowwhat2do.com>



## Outdoor Sirens Tested First Wednesday of Each Month

The Outdoor Warning Siren System is tested on the first Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. depending on inclement weather. To see which outdoor warning siren is closest to you, refer to the map on the right, or go to <http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/452/Siren-Locations-Testing> or call 972-230-9600

## Siren Activated for Emergencies

The City's Outdoor Warning Siren System may be activated for any kind of emergency – not just severe weather. People often have the misconception that the sirens are meant to be heard indoors. However, the siren system is intended to be heard outdoors. You may not hear it inside or in noisy areas.

When you hear the Outdoor Warning Siren System, you should immediately go inside and tune to local news or radio for additional information so you can make a decision on what actions you should take. Then, go to the lowest level, most interior space of your home or office.

The Outdoor Warning Siren System consists of 10 strategically placed sirens that are activate for one or more of the following conditions:

- A tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service to affect the City of DeSoto.
- Trained storm spotters have reported a tornado that is in or has the potential to affect the community.
- Destructive winds in excess of 70 mph
- Reports of hail larger than 1.25 in diameter or larger.
- Other emergencies as directed by appropriate officials.

## NOAA Weather Radios

To receive emergency notifications indoors, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Weather Alert Radio with the Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) feature is recommended. The NOAA radio allows you to keep up to date on all types of emergencies. You can purchase one at many local retailers starting at \$20. NOAA radios with the SAME feature can be programmed to provide emergency information specific to your area. The code for Dallas County is 048113.

**Dallas County 048113**

([www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/)):

If you would like information about emergency preparedness, please contact the DeSoto Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management at 972-230-9680

[www.desototexas.gov/fire](http://www.desototexas.gov/fire)

## KnowWhat2Do Before Disaster Strikes

- Create and practice an emergency plan.
- Take the time to learn about potential hazards in your area and the right ways to respond to them.
- Make accommodations for family members with special needs and your pets.
- Choose an out-of-town contact who may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- Put together an emergency supply kit for your home and car. The kit should include at least three (3) days worth of food and water, clothes, sleeping supplies, filter masks, duct tape and garbage bags. Remember to check your kit yearly and have copies of important documents in a waterproof container. For a comprehensive list of emergency kit items or more information on how to protect yourself and your family, visit [www.KnoWhat2Do.com](http://www.KnoWhat2Do.com) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

## Siren Locations Map

1. 2319 Bolton Boone
2. 2035 Kestrel Avenue
3. 1501 Wintergreen Court
4. 1136 Harvest Hill Circle (in alley)
5. 829 East Parkerville Road
6. 416 West Parkerville Road at DeSoto Drive
7. 433 South Cockrell Hill Road (at Cockrell Hill Elementary School)
8. 515 North Cockrell Hill Road
9. 1409 North Cockrell Hill Road
10. 719 North Hampton Road

