

Polk County Outdoor Warning Siren System

Polk County operates an outdoor siren warning system designed to alert citizens to a impending tornado threat. The system is comprised of nine sirens strategically located throughout the County as well as the Cities of Aragon, Cedartown, and Rockmart. When activated, these sirens revolve 360-degrees so the sound can be projected in all directions. Polk County conducts a audible test of the siren system on the first Wednesday of the quarter at noon. If weather conditions are poor the test will occur on the first Friday of the quarter. Additionally, a silent test is conducted every Monday.

Please DO NOT CALL 911, Fire-Rescue or Police agencies to ask why the sirens are sounding. If it is an emergency, they are busy getting equipment and manpower to the emergency scene.

A word of additional caution, the outdoor warning sirens are just that, outdoor warning alerting systems. These sirens are meant to be heard outside to signal you to go indoors and take shelter. In the event your hear the siren and there is a threat of severe weather take appropriate protective measures and tune your radio or televisions, or NOAA Weather Radio. As homes continue to become more energy efficient and sound proofing enhanced, outdoor warning sirens that decades ago could once be heard inside of a home can no longer be heard. That's why other means of warning are in place such as text alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, Wireless Emergency Alerts, EAS radio alerts and scroll lines are placed on commercial and cable television stations. For more information on how to stay safe during a tornado visit <https://ema.polkga.org/tornado>

Criteria for Siren Activation

Polk County will activate the outdoor warning sirens for the following reasons: A Tornado Warning was issued by the National Weather Service; Public Safety Personnel have spotted a tornado or funnel cloud; or directs the sirens to be activated.

Siren Locations

Antioch Road at Hightower Falls Road
Cedartown Fire Department
Jackson Chapel Road at Old Jackson Chapel
Nathan Dean Park
Polk County Fire Station 4 (Aragon)
Polk County Fire Station 6 (Fish Creek)
Polk County Fire Station 9 (Lake Creek)
Polk School District Board of Education
South Crest Bank (Cedartown)

