

The purpose of an outdoor siren warning system is to alert persons outside of potential danger. The sirens are sounded whenever a tornado warning is issued for Sherburne County. They may also be activated for other situations which require citizens to take shelter and seek more information from media outlets.

Upon hearing the siren, citizens should immediately seek shelter and tune in to a local radio or television station for information concerning the siren activation. The County's outdoor warning system is not intended to be the only means of emergency warning. For a well-balanced system, the use of indoor systems, such as radio and television, are also necessary.

The siren warning system is tested the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m., except during instances of threatening weather.

The Emergency Services Department encourages all Sherburne County citizens to prepare for their own safety by purchasing a NOAA Weather Alert Radio to assure they receive weather watches and warnings. Citizens are also encouraged to develop individual and family plans to be prepared for emergencies should they happen.