

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why can't I hear the sirens in my home?

A: The sirens are intended for **OUTDOOR** warning only. For alerts indoors we recommend purchasing an NOAA Weather Alert Radio. The Weather Alert Radios can be programmed to our area and will alert you indoors of potential danger. They can be found at your local electronics store or by searching on the web. Depending on their features they can range in price from \$20 - \$75.

Q: What should I do when I hear the sirens?

A: Go Inside! Tune into local television and/or radio for additional information.

Q: Where is the closest siren to my home?

A: Refer to the map on the inside of this brochure or contact the Office of Emergency Management for an exact address.

Q: Where is the best place to seek shelter?

A: A crucial part of being prepared is knowing what to do when an emergency occurs. You should identify the lowest level, most interior space in your home or office to take shelter during a storm.

Q: When will the sirens be activated?

A: The sirens may be sounded during monthly testing; if a credible report of a tornado is provided; if winds are in excess of 60 mph; If hail is in excess of 1" in diameter; during a chemical emergency; during a terrorist event; or during a national emergency. Just keep in mind that hearing the sirens means to **GO INSIDE** and find out what's happening!

When the sirens sound...

SEEK SHELTER!
SEEK INFORMATION!

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Management**

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City of Fort Worth Outdoor Warning System



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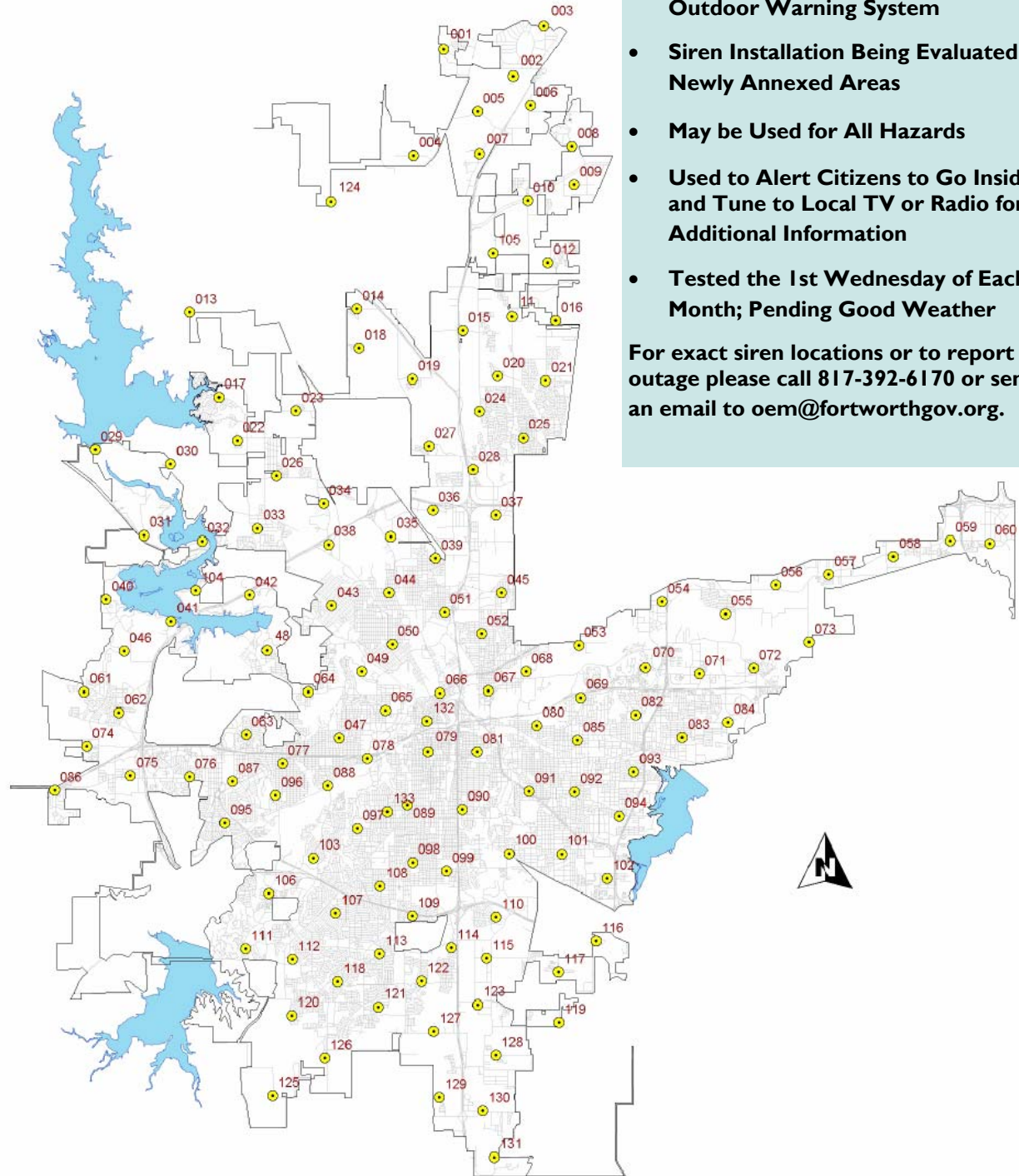
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Outdoor Warning System

City of Fort Worth sirens may be activated for any kind of emergency - not just severe weather. Though some residents still think of them as tornado sirens, that's not the case. While they are used during severe weather they may also be used for other emergencies, as well (hazardous materials, terrorism events, national emergencies). The sirens are an **OUTDOOR** warning system, meaning the sirens may not be heard indoors or in a noisy area. The system is tested at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. If you hear the sirens at any other time, go inside and tune into a local radio or television station for additional instructions and information.

For general emergency preparedness information visit, www.knowwhat2do.com.



- 133 Strategically Placed Sirens in the Outdoor Warning System
- Siren Installation Being Evaluated in Newly Annexed Areas
- May be Used for All Hazards
- Used to Alert Citizens to Go Inside and Tune to Local TV or Radio for Additional Information
- Tested the 1st Wednesday of Each Month; Pending Good Weather

For exact siren locations or to report an outage please call 817-392-6170 or send an email to oem@fortworthgov.org.