



CodeRED™
WEATHER WARNING

City of Washington

WANTS YOU TO

BE ALERT OF SEVERE WEATHER

SIGN UP TODAY

Visit washmo.gov or call
636-390-1050
to sign up for CodeRED Weather
Warning and to begin receiving
automated alerts the moment
you're immediately impacted by
severe weather.

RECEIVE ALERTS

Alerts for severe thunderstorms,
flash floods and tornadoes will be
delivered via phone call, text, email
or a combination of all three, based
on your specific preferences.

BE ALERT

Residents in the direct path of severe
weather will receive alerts after a
warning is issued by the National
Weather Service. Listen carefully to
the message and take immediate
action, if indicated, to protect yourself,
your loved ones, and your property.



The City of Washington's Outdoor Warning Sirens

What Do the Siren Tones Indicate, and What Should I Do When I Hear Them?

Severe Weather Warning

1. **WHOOP TONE** – (An on/off whoop sound for thirty seconds). This tone indicates that the City of Washington has been placed under a severe weather warning by the National Weather Service, or by a qualified weather spotter. A warning indicates that severe weather is imminent. Take cover immediately, and remain there until the local radio station has broadcast an all clear.

Tornado Warning

2. **ALERT TONE** – (A steady tone for three minutes). This tone indicates a tornado has been detected by the National Weather Service radar, or a qualified weather spotter in the immediate area (defined as towns surrounding Washington). **TAKE COVER IMMEDIATELY**, and remain there until the local radio stations has broadcast an all clear.

Civil Defense Warning

3. **ATTACK TONE** – (A wavering tone for 3 minutes). This tone indicates an attack against the United States has been detected. Tune in to local radio or television stations for further instructions.



Weather Warnings & Watches

Tornado Watch means tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.

Tornado Warning means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch is issued by the National Weather Service when conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms in and close to the watch area

Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued when either a severe thunderstorm is indicated by Weather Service radar or a spotter reports a thunderstorm producing hail one inch or larger in diameter and/or winds equal or exceed 58 miles an hour; therefore, people in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately

Outdoor Weather Warning Sirens are exactly that. They are designed to warn people outdoors. They are not intended for indoor warning. Make sure you have multiple ways of being notified of severe weather. See **CodeRed** message on the reverse side for additional information.

Everyone should be prepared for an emergency

Being prepared can reduce fear, anxiety, and losses that accompany disasters. Communities, families, and individuals should know what to do in the event of a fire and where to seek shelter during a tornado. Adults should know how to care for their basic medical needs. Preparation will help reduce the impact of disasters.

Some things you can do to prepare:

Build an Emergency Kit.

(Keep the following items in a container that can be easily carried)

Water and canned or dried food – families should set aside one gallon of water per person per day, to last three days, and a three-day supply of food per person. The food should be nonperishable items that don't need to be cooked, such as tuna and crackers. Remember to include a manual can opener. If there's an infant in the house, include formula and baby food. Keep in mind other additional supplies necessary for anyone with special needs. Have a battery powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries for the radio and flashlight, prescription medications and a first-aid kit. Rotate your supplies to keep them fresh. For additional ideas, visit: www.ready.gov/build-a-kit

Store Important Documents

(Store the following documents in a fire- and water-proof safe or safe deposit box)

Birth certificates, Ownership certificates (autos, boats, etc.), Social security cards, Insurance policies, Wills, Household inventory (List of contents in household) include serial numbers, if applicable, photographs or videotape of contents in every room, Photographs of items of high values, such as jewelry, paintings and collection items.