



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TORNADO SIRENS IN IONIA COUNTY, STARTING ON JULY 27, 2024 @ 12:00 NOON



Historically the Tornado Sirens in the various communities in Ionia County are tested on the first Saturday of each month at Noon. Starting on Saturday, July 27th 2024 at Noon, the sirens will be tested ***every Saturday at Noon***, not just the first Saturday of the month. This will help insure that the sirens are working properly. If a siren is in need of service, a problem can be found and addressed in a more timely manner with weekly tests.

There will also be a change to how the sirens are set off. The sirens in Ionia, Pewamo, Lyons-Muir, Portland and Belding are all tied together so that they will all go off with the push of one button. Everyone in the county will be advised of emergency conditions at the same time.

Orleans and Lake Odessa are working on updating their equipment also, and they also we be tested weekly on the current equipment.

What do you do if the tornado sirens go off? Do you have a plan? Where will you go? What will you do? How will you communicate? Do you have a portable radio to get important information in the event of an alert?

Remember do not call 911 when the sirens go off. Tune into radio and television for important updates on what is happening and what you may need to do.

Important to note if there is a threat of severe weather on a Saturday at Noon, the test will be canceled and resume the following Saturday.