

# Severe Weather Outdoor Warning Sirens

The Madison County Emergency Management Agency/CSEPP sounds the outdoor warning sirens. This siren system officially known as the *Madison County Alert Notification System* was built in 1994 with Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program CSEPP monies. The sirens are used to alert for severe weather and other local warnings in addition to alerting the community of an accident at the depot. This system is tested on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. This system has been recently updated with the addition of approximately thirty new siren sites and all existing sirens have been replaced with new ones. The new system was heard for the first time in April 2009 during a test. The old siren system was approaching 15 years old. The age of the previous outdoor emergency alert system was becoming a problem. It was becoming more difficult to find replacement parts. There are now approximately 60 sirens compared to the twenty nine before. The transformation of farm land into new single family subdivisions warranted the need for additional sirens in the Berea area.

There are 3 different siren sounds.

1. Test - sound of chimes. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
  2. Severe Weather – a long whale. You will hear this tone if the National Weather Service issues a severe weather warning.
- Chemical Event – a high/low tone.

Remember these are outdoor sirens. If you hear the sirens tune to a local radio station.

Local emergency Alert System radio stations include:

WEKY, 1340 AM	WKXO, 1500 AM
WCBR, 1110 AM	WLFX, 106.7 FM
WCYO, 100.7 FM	WIRV, 1550 AM
WEKU, 88.9 FM	

For more information contact [www.madison-county-ema.com](http://www.madison-county-ema.com) or (859)624-4787

## **TIPS FOR SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY**

### **Develop a family plan**

Keep the plan simple.

Make sure all family members know the plan.

Conduct annual drills.

Choose two places to meet. One right outside of your home in case of a sudden emergency such as fire.

The other outside your neighborhood. Everyone must know the address and phone number of the meeting location.

**Emergency Kit**

Have a kit handy, preferably in the room you would take shelter in.  
AM/FM Radio with extra batteries. Flashlight. First Aid Kit. Etc..

**Find an out-of-town contact.** After a disaster it is easier to make a long distance call than a local call. Everyone must know the address and phone number of the contact. Everyone must check in with this out-of-town contact. Also make arrangements with this out of town contact if you should need an out of town shelter location.

**Have an escape route.** It may be necessary to evacuate your home. Plan several escape routes in case roads are blocked or closed. Remember to follow advice of local officials during evacuation situations. They will direct you to the safest route.

**Pets.** Don't forget your furry friends. Plan on where you would take your pets if you had to go to a public shelter where they would not be permitted.

**FLASH FLOODS**

A *Flash Flood Watch* means there may be flooding. Stay alert. Watch for thunderstorms. Watch rivers and streams. If the water is rising move to high ground.

A *Flash Flood Warning* means there is flooding. Vacate the area to high ground immediately.

Keep away from storm drains and streams.  
Know where to find high ground and how to get there. Make plans.  
When authorities tell you to evacuate, do not wait.  
Never drive through water.

**TORNADOES**

The safest place to be during a tornado is underground, preferably under something sturdy. If you do not have a basement or cellar, find a small room in the middle of the house, like a bathroom.

Residents in mobile homes should find shelter elsewhere.

As a last resort, lie flat on the ground outside with your hands over your head and neck.

Be alert for flash flooding.

When driving, if you see a funnel cloud or hear a tornado warning get out of your vehicle and seek a safe structure or lie down in a low area with your hands covering the back of your head and neck.

Know emergency shelter plan in office building or school.

Avoid rooms with lots of glass.

***Tornado Watch***

Move cars inside the garage to avoid hail damage that often accompanies severe storms.

Move lawn furniture and yard equipment inside. Furniture or items that are not secured could act as dangerous projectile.

Keep informed with your radio and TV tuned to one of the local stations.

Stay alert for changing weather.

***Tornado Warning***

The tornado has actually been sighted.

Seek shelter immediately.

**Berea International Festival**  
**May 8-10, 2009**  
**Mother's Day Weekend**

Memorial Park, Jefferson Street

Friday 3:30pm - 7pm

Saturday 10:30 - 7pm

Sunday 10:30 - 5pm

Short Street

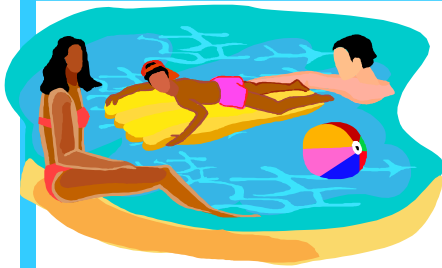
Friday 8 pm

Liam's Fancy (Traditional Irish Music)

Saturday 9 pm

Alma Gitana (Latin-Lebanese fusion music)

**For more information**



**Berea Parks & Recreation**

**SWIMMING POOL**

**OPENS MAY 23, 2009**

**(Open weekends only until June 6th)**

**\*Child and Adult Pass Cards Available**

**\*Pool Rental for Private Parties Available**

**For More Information Call (859)986-9402**



## Safety Fair

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Madison County Fairgrounds

From 10am–2pm

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Strolling Magician  
Mini City Electrical Demo  
PHI Helicopter Landing  
Recycling Education  
High Voltage Demo  
Pony Rides  
Petting Zoo  
Wally Wise Guy*



**Coming to Madison Co. Fairgrounds  
May 16, 2009**



## **KNOW YOUR ZONE— CITY OF BEREA**

### **ZONE 3C**

#### **Big Hill and part of City of Berea**

West 1-75 beginning at the Rockcastle/Madison Co. line and extending north to the intersection of 1-75 and Menelaus Rd, on the north by Menelaus Rd (KY 2880) beginning at the intersection of I-75 and extending east to the intersection of US 25 and Crooksville Rd. (KY 499)

#### **Evacuation Route**

North Laurel High School in London via 1-75 south to Exit 41 or US 25 south to London,  
or US 421 south to Jackson County High School in McKee

### **ZONE 3D**

#### **Paint Lick and part of the City of Berea**

South on Interstate 75 to the Rockcastle County line and on the south and west by the Rockcastle and Garrard County lines beginning at the intersection of Interstate 75 and Rockcastle County line and extending north.

#### **Evacuation Route**

Garrard County High School (Lancaster) via KY 52 west or KY 1295 west to KY 52 west.