



OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN INFORMATION FOR THE BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY



When do outdoor sirens sound in Braidwood?

- 1) If a tornado warning is issued from the National Weather Service for the area which includes the Braidwood Community;
- 2) If a funnel or tornado has been spotted near the Braidwood community and heading in the direction of the city (with or without a warning);
- 3) Sustained winds greater than 65mph (straight line winds, microbursts, downbursts).
- 4) In the unlikely event of a nuclear accident at the Exelon Generation Braidwood Nuclear Power Station.

Sirens are for **OUTDOOR** warning purposes only and are **NOT** meant to be heard indoors. If you hear an outdoor warning siren, head indoors immediately and seek additional information.

For the City of Braidwood, you can tune to one of the following radio stations for the latest information and possible emergency instructions:

WCCQ 98.3 FM, WRXQ 100.7 FM, WSSR 96.7 FM, WJOL 1340 AM

It does **NOT** mean the threat has ended when the sirens stop sounding and there is no second activation to indicate an "all clear". Sirens are activated by the Will County Emergency Management Agency and The Public Service Answering Point (PSAP or 9-1-1 dispatch center) serving the Braidwood Community, not the National Weather Service.

Will County conducts a monthly test of the "Outdoor Warning Sirens" in accordance with Illinois Law which requires tests to be conducted at 10:00 am on the first Tuesday of each month.

Should the Outdoor Warning Sirens sound at any time other than the monthly test, you can tune to one of local radio stations listed above

Outdoor warning sirens cannot be the only way of receiving warnings because of errors. Multiple ways of receiving warnings need to be put in place.

For example:

1. An emergency NOAA radio.
2. Text alerts to your phone.
3. Facebook posts (good for following storm development but not the #1 way of receiving a warning).
4. Local media coverage (Power outages can disrupt this).

All outdoor warning sirens system in our area, which are part of the 10 Mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) for either the Braidwood or Dresden Nuclear Power Plants, are owned and maintained 100% by Exelon who allows for access and use of the system by agreement with Will County. All sirens meet the auditable and decibel standards as set forth in the FEMA Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program Manual.