

SEVERE WEATHER PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

The City of Marlow operates an outdoor warning system for the safety and welfare of its citizens. Due to liability and lack of safe areas to do so, the city DOES NOT operate public shelters of any kind. In all cases of severe weather or other hazardous situations, citizens should make individualized plans to remain safe.

STORM SIRENS:

The City of Marlow fire department officials are trained storm spotters and shall work in concert with the city's Emergency Manager and Marlow police in tracking severe weather that may affect the city. These procedures can include, but are not limited to, storm spotting, radar monitoring, contact with other state, county and local officials, and media reports.

Activation of the sirens is based upon actual siting of severe storm conditions within a radius of the city based on current conditions, media reports of a severe storm within a radius of the city based on current conditions, an official Tornado Warning from the National Weather Service, or any determination of a threat to the safety and welfare of the citizens within the city limits of Marlow by officials from the fire department, police department or Emergency Manager.

The "emergency" signal for any determined threat is a long but undulating tone for up to three minutes. This tone shall notify residents that a danger to their safety and welfare has been determined, and individual plans of action should be activated.

An "all clear" signal will be made by a short undulating tone. The "all clear" will only be sounded when the threat is safely over. Citizens should only end their individual action plans when they determine it is safe to do so. The "all clear" signal should only serve as a guide to danger passing, and citizens should remain vigilant for any further dangers and ensuing "emergency" signals.

In all cases, the storm sirens are designed as outdoor warning signals. The system is not designed to be heard indoors with other ambient sounds. When threats, such as storm watches, are present, citizens should make an effort to be aware of storm sirens.

PUBLIC SHELTERS:

The City of Marlow and Marlow Public Schools DO NOT have facilities available for public storm shelters.

With this knowledge, residents should have a plan in place and know where to go in the event of severe weather.