



# BLOOMINGDALE

## SIREN WARNING SYSTEM



Understanding Outdoor Warning Sirens: What You Need To Know: Bloomingdale Office of Emergency Management wants to remind residents about the purpose of outdoor warning sirens and how to respond when they are activated.

Outdoor warning sirens are designed to alert people who are outdoors of imminent danger, such as severe flooding, tornadoes, or other life-threatening emergencies. These sirens serve as an early warning system, giving people the opportunity to seek higher ground or shelter and stay informed through official emergency channels.

### What Do the Sirens Mean?

Outdoor warning sirens typically use two distinct tones to communicate different types of emergencies:

- **Warning Tone:** A long, steady wail lasting 3 minutes that indicates an emergency. When you hear this tone, immediately check for official emergency updates
- **Wavering Tone:** A fluctuating, high-low wail is used to indicate that your Fire Department has been dispatched to an incident
- **One Short Tone:** A single high-low wail that indicates testing of your local sirens Monday through Friday at 5:00pm

### How to Respond to a Siren Activation

- **Stay Informed:** Tune in to local weather radio, TV, Bloomingdale's official social media platforms or Bloomingdale's emergency notification (RAVE) for updates and instructions
- Hearing a warning tone is a signal to move indoors, seek shelter and tune into to your local weather radio, TV, social media or Bloomingdale's emergency notification system (RAVE) for further

instructions. Make sure everyone in your household knows the safest place to be during an emergency

- Know the Testing Schedule: In Bloomingdale, sirens are tested regularly. These tests confirm that the system is working and are not an indication of an emergency

#### What Outdoor Sirens Are NOT For:

- Sirens are not intended to be heard indoors; follow NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radios, mobile alerts, and other notification systems for indoor warnings.
- Sirens do not signal an "all-clear". Once activated, people should continue monitoring local emergency updates for further instructions.

In addition to understanding sirens, residents are encouraged to have multiple ways to receive emergency alerts, including your town emergency notification systems (RAVE), weather apps, NOAA weather radios, local news broadcasts and Bloomingdale's official social media platforms. Having a family emergency plan and knowing where to go during severe weather can save lives.

#### Bloomingdale Emergency Notification System:



# HOW TO SIGN UP FOR BLOOMINGDALE'S EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



## SIGN UP:

Navigate to the Borough's website at [www.bloomingtonnj.net](http://www.bloomingtonnj.net). At the bottom of the home page, click on "Rave Alert Sign Up" and follow the directions to sign up.

# OR



**THERE ARE SEVERAL "OPT-IN" LISTS TO CHOOSE FROM. CLICK ON ANY OPT-IN THAT YOU WOULD LIKE NOTIFICATIONS FOR:**

- Public Events
- Office of Emergency Management
- Senior Center
- DPW/Water Department
- Non-Severe Weather Alerts
- Severe Weather Alerts
- SMS Opt-In



## EDIT YOUR ACCOUNT:

Copy the following in your browser and sign in. You will need to login with the registration email that is associated with your user information. If you do not know your password, you can use the 'forgot password' option to reset the password.

<https://www.getrave.com/elogin.do>

Click on "My Account" to update your information. Then click on "Opt In Lists" to opt in to any of the "opt-ins".

# OR

