

# SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

## EMERGENCY SIREN PROCEDURE



Sumpter Township is equipped with fourteen emergency notification sirens strategically positioned throughout the township. In the event of an emergency that requires the public/community to be notified through use of the township siren system, the following procedure should be followed:

1. In the event of inclement weather (severe thunderstorm with possible severe damaging winds of 58mph+, large hail, or tornado warning), the sirens will be activated. The community response to the activation should be to seek shelter on the lowest level (basement) of their dwelling or inside a nearby building if outside or in a mobile home.
2. If no basement is available, move into the interior area of the building with as few windows as possible and take cover. Residents inside mobile homes should move to an emergency site inside their park if the current conditions permit such a move.
3. If the siren system is activated and there is no apparent severe weather, residents are advised to tune into local TV and radio stations for possible public service announcements, which may be related to a non-weather emergency condition (i.e. hazardous material spill, wildfire, Nuclear Power Plant condition, etc).
4. Based on Sumpter Township's location within Wayne County, the monitoring of neighboring counties (Washtenaw, Monroe, and Lenawee) takes place in an effort to obtain as much advance severe weather condition information as possible.

Actual weather/emergency related siren activation cycles run steadily for 5 minutes. Please be advised; activation cycles may be repeated during an incident to ensure residents are alerted to the situation at hand.

\*The siren system is tested on the first Friday of each month at noon. The test cycle runs steadily for 1 minute.