

What is an Outdoor Warning System?

The Town of Prosper's Outdoor Warning system was placed into operation on October 1st, 2005. The system currently incorporates 7 sirens which are designed to alert residents who are outdoors of the immediate approach of a tornado.

A test activation of the system occurs the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon. The system will not be activated for a test if there is a threat of severe weather for the area.

The system is only activated for the conditions listed below. The system does not have the capability to sound an "all clear" signal at the expiration of the tornado warning. Whenever residents hear the Outdoor Warning Sirens sounding in Prosper, they should immediately take cover in an appropriate shelter. Residents are encouraged to monitor a local radio or television station providing weather coverage in order to stay informed on the storm's path and notification of the expiration of the tornado warning.

Residents should be mindful that the Outdoor Warning System is an outdoor warning system and is not designed to signal a tornado warning to an entire community indoors. The Outdoor Warning System should not be a family's only warning system. Residents are reminded that when severe weather is forecast for the area the best source of information is a commercial radio or television station.

Citizens should have a storm emergency plan in place and practice the plan regularly. A portable battery operated radio or programmable weather alert radio should be incorporated into the plan.

Please do not call 9-1-1 when you hear the Outdoor Warning System. Instead take immediate shelter and listen to a radio, television, or weather radio station for further information. Call to 9-1-1 asking for weather details create the potential for true emergency calls being delayed. During severe weather it is especially important for 9-1-1 lines be available for emergency response.

For more information on the Prosper Outdoor Warning System, emergency response planning, or for help in developing a storm emergency plan for your family, please contact the Prosper Fire Department at (972) 347-2424.

When are the **Outdoor Warning Sirens** activated?

- A tornado warning had been issued for Collin County or Denton County in its entirety.
- A tornado warning has been issued for a portion of Collin County or Denton County that includes the Town Of Prosper.
- When a storm spotter, fire fighter, or police officer sees a tornado.

What should I do when the **Outdoor Warning System** sounds?

GO INSIDE AND STAY INSIDE - Take shelter in interior portions and on lower floors of buildings. Stay away from windows and rooms with long roof spans.

TAKE NECESSARY COVER - If outside seek inside shelter. If shelter is not available, lie flat in a ditch, ravine, or depression. Do not get under an overpass or bridge.

LISTEN - Listen to your local radio or television station for information.