

We wanted to take a moment to remind residents that Medina County Emergency Management Agency (MCEMA) has a great service available in the form of a reverse notification system. This program allows you to register for a variety of alerts including those for inclement weather.

SIGN UP ONLINE: [https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/medina\\_oh/wens.cfm](https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/medina_oh/wens.cfm)

The weather alerts that pass through our system originate from the National Weather Service. It is a great way to stay updated on real time weather notifications.

In today's world everyone has a cell phone. This system allows you to carry weather notifications with you at all times!

We wanted to share this reminder because very often, when severe weather rolls through the county, outdoor early warning sirens become a topic of conversation. Please know that sirens in Medina County belong to the individual communities and not all communities have them.

Outdoor sirens can cause confusion because they are not intended to be heard indoors.

With that in mind.....should severe weather pass through the county at 2am....you are not meant to hear the sirens from the comfort of your bed. That is not what they are designed for, however, you CAN know of severe weather from the comfort of your bed if you have your cell phone close by and set to receive emergency alerts (emergency alerts must be turned on in your phone settings).

Outdoor sirens are only one tool, of many, that can be used for personal preparedness. Having multiple tools available is necessary for the sake of redundancy because redundancy matters.

We have been put into a situation with our current location when it comes to an outdoor siren. We took occupancy of our Heather Hedge building in January of 2021. Many may know there is a siren affixed to the building. This siren was a fire siren long ago that was converted to an outdoor early warning siren. Unfortunately, the siren has worked inconsistently as a weather siren for many years for a variety of reasons.

As we continue to make improvements to our new location, helping our neighborhood with a new, upgraded siren is one of our future goals. Over the years, we have assisted many of our communities with reimbursement grants for weather sirens. We intend to do the same for the Village of Chippewa Lake and Lafayette Township.

This is a Public Service Announcement that any siren, even those meant to be an outdoor early warning siren, can experience technical failure. Please consider adding other awareness tools to your personal preparedness tool kit.

The county reverse notification system is, as mentioned, an excellent tool. We also ask that you consider purchasing a battery operated weather alert radio with S.A.M.E. technology. A weather

radio is another excellent choice for real time information. Battery operated radios are a cheap way to keep your entire household aware of what is going on outside your door.

Thank you Medina County!  
Have a wonderful day!!