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## Hamilton County Changes Siren Testing To Once Per Month

Hamilton County, Ohio, March 13, 2006 — After meeting with the Emergency Managers in the surrounding counties, the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency has changed its testing policy. Hamilton County will now test the warning sirens on only the first Wednesday of each month at noon. **Hamilton County will no longer test the sirens on the third Wednesday of the month.** This will make Hamilton County's siren test procedure consistent with the surrounding counties.

As we begin this severe weather season, we ask all Hamilton County residents and businesses to prepare an emergency plan, or review their existing plan. The plan should address the following:

1. Have a tone alerted weather radio in your home or business. Check to make sure that it operates, and that it has a fresh battery in the event of a power outage.
2. Have an emergency plan that includes where your employees or family will go in the event of severe weather.
3. Have emergency supplies in the event of power outages, including fresh water, flashlights with fresh batteries, and any supplies you would need if you had to evacuate.

REMEMBER, IF YOU HEAR THE SIRENS, TAKE COVER AND TUNE TO LOCAL MEDIA FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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