



How will you be notified in a disaster?

Emergency notification to the population in Wyoming is a daunting task. Complications include the sparsely populated areas and variations of available technology. Sweetwater County has several systems in place to warn and provide information to the public in major emergencies. Some of these systems include:

- **Outdoor Warning Sirens:**
 - Outdoor warning sirens are located in Green River and Rock Springs
 - Rock Springs tests their sirens on the first Tuesday of every month around 11:00
 - Locations – City Hall, Fire Stations 2 & 3, Recreation Center, Cemetery (by old hospital)
 - Green River tests their sirens on the first Wednesday of every month around 4:20 p.m.
 - Locations – City Hall, Roosevelt Park and Wyoming Park and City Public Works Building
 - Outdoor Warning Sirens are designed to be heard outdoors where there is little other noise
 - Outdoor warning sirens are designed to let the public know they should go inside to tune to NOAA or other notification methods (i.e., am/fm radio or cable TV)
- **Emergency Alert Systems (EAS)**
 - Local Radio Stations and Cable TV
- **NOAA All Hazards Radios**
 - **NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR)** is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the [National Weather Service office](#) in Riverton. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - Working with the [Federal Communication Commission's](#) (FCC) Emergency Alert System, NWR is an "All Hazards" radio network, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information. In conjunction with Federal, State, and Local Emergency Managers and other public officials, NWR also broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards – including natural (such as earthquakes or avalanches), environmental (such as chemical releases or oil spills), and public safety (such as AMBER alerts or 911 Telephone outages).
 - Known as the "Voice of NOAA's National Weather Service," NWR is provided as a public service by the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA), part of the Department of Commerce. NWR includes [1000 transmitters](#), covering all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin

Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NWR requires a [special radio receiver](#) or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the VHF public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz):

162.400	162.425	162.450	162.475	162.500	162.525	162.550
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- Tune to the frequency or channel that comes in the best for your location.
- Can be purchased at local hardware, electronic, sporting goods and discount stores.
- **CityWatch**
 - One of the newer technologies we have obtained is the CityWatch notification system.
 - CityWatch gives us the ability to create, target and send an alert or non-alert message to thousands of destinations within minutes. CityWatch is a notification system and service that enables us to quickly, accurately, and automatically send emergency and informational messages to thousands of contacts, via phone, text messaging, fax, pager, and e-mail.
 - CityWatch will be used when we need to conduct mass notifications to the public where immediate information on safety precautions need to be taken (i.e., the need Shelter-in-Place due to hazardous materials release or evacuate because of flooding).
 - CityWatch will provide updated continuing information regarding the incident (i.e., progress being made, where shelters are, evacuation routes, when event is over).
 - If an individual only has cell phone they need to sign up through Sweetwater County Emergency Management so their numbers are included in the database. This can be accomplished by contacting our office or on our web site: <http://www.sweet.wy.us/ema/preparation.html>. Please let Sweetwater County Emergency Management know if you have changed your cell phone number so it can be changed in the database. ***Sweetwater County will not be held responsible for persons who do not update their contact information.***
- **RadioStat**
 - Our newest method for communication is our RadioStat systems. Sweetwater County Emergency Management/Homeland Security has purchased three RadioStat systems. RadioStat allows us to place temporary signs advising of a radio frequency to tune to for more information. We have three radio frequencies that are reserved for our messages.
 - RadioStat will be used to provide information regarding the incident (i.e., nature of incident, where shelters are, evacuation routes, miscellaneous instructions, and advise when the event is over).



If you would like more information on this or any of our other programs please contact us.

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