

# WEATHER NOTIFICATION SIGNALS



## What to Listen For...



**Tornado Watch:** Tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Know what counties are in the watch area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio/television outlets.

**Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Listen for a continuous siren. Know what counties are in the warning area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio/television outlets.

**\*Every first Saturday of the month at noon the sirens are tested.**

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Tells you when and where severe thunderstorms are likely to occur. Watch the sky and stay tuned to know when warnings are issued. Know what counties are in the warning area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio/television outlets.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** Issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm. Know what counties are in the warning area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio/television outlets.

**Flood Watch:** High flow or overflow of water from a river is possible in the given time period. It can also apply to heavy runoff or drainage of water into low-lying areas. These watches are generally issued for flooding that is expected to occur at least 6 hours after heavy rains have ended. Know what counties are in the warning area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio / television outlets.

**Flood Warning:** Flooding conditions are actually occurring or are imminent in the warning area. Know what counties are in the warning area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio / television outlets.

**Flash Flood Watch:** Flash flooding is possible in or close to the watch area. Flash Flood Watches are generally issued for flooding that is expected to occur within 6 hours after heavy rains have ended. Know what counties are in the warning area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio / television outlets.

**Flash Flood Warning:** Flash flooding is actually occurring or imminent in the warning area. It can be issued as a result of torrential rains, a dam failure, or ice jam. Know what counties are in the warning area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio/television outlets.

**Winter Storm Watch:** Severe winter weather may affect your area within 48 hours. You still have time to prepare. Know what counties are in the warning area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio/television outlets.

**Winter Storm Warning:** Severe winter weather is occurring or imminent. You should already be prepared and should take protective actions immediately. Know what counties are in the warning area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio/television outlets.

**Blizzard Warning:** The most dangerous of all winter weather is occurring or imminent. A blizzard is defined as a combination of winds 35 mph or greater with snow or blowing snow reducing visibility to less than ¼ mile for three or more hours. Know what counties are in the warning area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio/television outlets.

**Winter Weather Advisory:** Weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, especially to motorists. If caution is exercised, however, these situations should not become life threatening. Know what counties are in the warning area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio/television outlets.

Local News Media	
<b>Local Radio Stations</b> *105.3 WKHM FM *970 WKHM AM	<b>Local TV Stations</b> *WILX-TV 10 *WLNS-TV 6 *WSYM-Fox 47

*For Jackson County Residents - Tune in to these stations for updated weather information.*