

CITY OF LA PORTE OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN THE SIRENS ARE ACTIVATED?

ACTIVATION OF THE WARNING SIRENS

During a chemical emergency, the City may activate the outdoor warning sirens. The sirens indicate that a chemical emergency has occurred and citizens should shelter in place. The sirens sound a "whoop, whoop" tone. When you hear the sirens, you should immediately go inside and follow the shelter in place instructions listed below. The sirens are tested EVERY Saturday at NOON. They are used for chemical emergencies **only.**

Remember, the sirens are your notification that you should shelter in place. Do not call the City or wait for further information before you shelter in place. More information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

SHELTER IN PLACE

In the event of a chemical emergency that requires you to shelter in place:

- 1) GO INSIDE. Close all doors and windows. Turn off A/C or heating systems.
- 2) TUNE YOUR RADIO TO AM 830.
- 3) STAY OFF THE PHONE!

Plan ahead by identifying a safe place where family members can gather in the event of a chemical emergency, preferably in an interior room with no doors and windows. Make sure all family members know the location. Stay off the phone so officials can reach you with important information. Do not call 9-1-1 unless you are reporting an emergency at your location. Do not go outside until the "all clear" has been given by local authorities. See reverse side for more information on the "all clear" signal.

TESTING

The outdoor warning sirens are tested EVERY Saturday at NOON.

If you hear the sirens other than at this predetermined time, you should assume an emergency exists and shelter in place. Many area facilities periodically test their individual alarm systems. The area plant alarm schedule can be found at www.laportelepc.org.



SIREN LOCATIONS

There are 13 outdoor warning sirens located throughout the city, as seen in the picture above.

- 1) 1800 E. Main St.
- 2) North 10th & Fairlane
- 3) Texas & E. G Street
- 4) Fairmont & 16th
- 5) North "L" & Valleyview
- 6) North "L" & Big Island Slough
- 7) 10500 North "H"
- 8) 25th Street Water Well Site
- 9) Fairmont Park Ball Fields
- 10) Canada & Carlow
- 11) S. Broadway & Wharton Weems
- 12) Shoreacres Blvd. & Sunrise
- 13) Shoreacres Blvd. & Centre

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IF SIREN FAILS TO ACTIVATE, CALL (281) 470-0010

OTHER NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Phone notification system:

With this system, the City can contact you via phone, text message and/or email. It is important to register your cell phone number in the system so you will continue to receive updates when you are not at home. Visit www.laportetx.gov and click on "Connect-CTY Sign Up" to register, or call (281) 470-0010 for assistance.

Radio Station AM 830:

During a chemical emergency, tune to AM 830 for instructions and situation updates.

Flashing Roadway Signs:

Signs located along roadways throughout the city that alert you to an emergency situation.

Website and Social Media:

The City's website will be continually updated during an emergency: www.laportetx.gov. In addition, the Office of Emergency Management will post updated information on Facebook and Twitter. Visit www.lpoem.org for links to these sites and to learn about additional notification systems.

NOTIFY THE CITY IF THE SIRENS ARE NOT WORKING PROPERLY

The City tests the sirens each week to ensure they are in proper working order. Please help us keep the community safe by contacting the City if the sirens are not working properly. If you do not hear the siren in your area, please contact the City at (281) 470-0010 as soon as possible. The City and Local Emergency Planning Committee recently installed signs on all 13 sirens throughout the city, which include this information (see left).

ALL CLEAR SIGNAL

Once the sirens are activated, citizens should immediately shelter in place until the all clear has been issued by local authorities. The "all clear" siren will sound a tone similar to an air horn. To hear samples of both the "take shelter" and "all clear" sirens, visit www.laportelepc.org or contact the LEPC at (281) 470-0010 to request an informational DVD.

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL

In the event of a chemical emergency, the schools will be notified immediately. When notification of a chemical emergency is received, school officials quickly respond by sheltering children safely in school buildings. Do not attempt to retrieve your child from school. School principals are instructed to keep buildings locked and access restricted when a Shelter in Place is in effect. Opening a door to the outside puts you and your child at risk of being exposed to a potentially dangerous chemical. Remember, we shelter in place to prevent exposure.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The La Porte Office of Emergency Management and Local Emergency Planning Committee are happy to provide you with any additional information that will help you and your family better prepare. Please visit www.laportelepc.org for more information or contact us at (281) 470-0010 if you have any questions or concerns.



