



Outdoor Warning System Alerts of Potential Tornadoes

Spring weather can be unpredictable, and thunderstorms cause most of the severe spring weather, since they can bring lightning and tornadoes. Lebanon's outdoor warning system is designed to warn people who are outdoors of potential tornadoes in the immediate area. The system consists of seven sirens located throughout the city. The sirens are tested on the first Wednesday of each month at noon.

Other than for regular monthly testing, the siren system is activated only when a tornado has been spotted by trained observers or when the National Weather Service has issued a "Tornado Warning" for Warren County. A "Tornado Warning" means that a tornado has been spotted, or that Doppler radar indicates a thunderstorm circulation which can spawn a tornado. When a tornado warning is issued, immediate safety precautions should be taken.

What Should You Do if You Hear a Siren?

When you hear an outdoor warning siren, seek immediate shelter. If you are outside, go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest level of the building. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Do not open windows.

Once you are inside and in a safe location, turn on a TV, radio or NOAA weather alert radio to be informed of the storm location, path, and the duration of the warning. No "all-clear" signal is issued. When the warning has expired it is safe to leave your shelter location, but remain prepared to respond to additional warnings that may be issued.

It is strongly recommended that every residence, business and school be equipped with a weather alert radio with battery back-up. Weather alert radios automatically activate to warn and inform you whenever a warning is issued for Warren County.

If you are in a vehicle, trailer, or mobile home, get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes. If you are outside with no building available, seek cover by lying flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding. Do not get under an overpass or bridge; you are safer in a low, flat location. Also, never try to outrun a tornado in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter.

Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries. Take Shelter immediately, and do not wait to hear the outdoor warning system.

MORE THAN THE FUNNEL:
**SEVERE WEATHER
TORNADO
SIGNS**



Hail

At least an inch – quarter sized – or larger. *Some hail can be larger than a softball!*

Wind

Gusts in excess of 58 mph or more, which can do damage in and of themselves.

Tornadoes

Tornado warning signs include a greenish/black sky, large hail in absence of rain, heavy rain/hail followed by dead calm or an intense wind shift, and a loud continuous rumble that doesn't fade like thunder.



Yard Waste Drop-Off Day Offered on April 13

The City is offering a yard waste, drop-off day on April 14 from 8 am - 5 pm at the Municipal Service Facility located at 580 West Main Street.

Yard waste includes small limbs, brush, grass and clippings. Yard waste should be placed in the provided dumpsters on site.

Additionally, Rumpke will collect yard waste with your curbside service. Yard waste must be bundled in 4' sections or bagged.

Contact the Service Department at 513-933-7200 with any questions.

Future Drop-Off Events

June 8 • September 7
8 am - 5 pm
580 West Main Street



Are You a Good Neighbor?

We can all help to make Lebanon a great place to live and work. One of the best ways to be a good neighbor is to follow the City's ordinances.

Invasive Plant Species

All premises shall be maintained free of any plant species that encroaches or invades a neighboring property or public right of way in a manner that results in damage to property.

An example of such an invasive plant is running bamboo. Once planted in the ground, running bamboo plants create a strong and complex network of plants that cannot be controlled by simply cutting, because the roots will continue to travel underground in search of new territory to colonize.

A running bamboo's root system will extend roughly 20 feet annually and over 100 feet from the original plant in its lifetime. The roots can be as dense as steel cable and are very difficult to eradicate. If left unchecked, roots can cause major destruction to neighboring yards, other plants, and infrastructure, including, buildings and their foundations, driveways, walkways, septic systems and more.

Property owners who plant such invasive plant species will be sent a notice that such vegetation must be cut or destroyed.

Barking Dogs

Dog owners are not allowed to harbor or keep a dog that, by loud and frequent or habitual barking, howling or yelping, shall cause an annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood.

Barking dog violations may be reported to the Lebanon Police department at 932-2010.

Parking and Storage of Recreational Vehicles, Inoperable Vehicles, and Other Equipment

At no time shall any recreational vehicles, inoperable vehicles or other equipment be parked on grass or other landscaped areas. The outside storage of trailers, recreational vehicles, campers, boats, and other equipment in excess of 72 hours is only permitted on a paved surface in the rear yard. Inoperable or unlicensed vehicles stored in a residential zone for longer than 72 hours is prohibited unless stored in a completely enclosed structure.

For further details regarding the parking and storage of vehicles and other equipment, please review the City's Zoning Code (Section 1137.11, page 144) on our website at: www.lebanonohio.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2294.

If you have questions about these regulations please contact the Planning Department at 513-228-3171.



Local Tax Filing Deadline is April 15, 2019

The tax department is here to help! Just stop by the City Building with your W-2s and a copy of your Federal return and we will be happy to complete the form for you at no charge. If you prefer, you can fill out the form yourself which can be found on our website, www.lebanonohio.gov, under Departments/Tax Information/Forms-Individuals. All completed forms, W-2's, Federal pages 1 & 2 and any Federal schedules reporting income must be submitted by April 15, 2019 along with any payment due. Also don't forget to include your estimates which can be found on the Tax Information page using the *Check Estimated Payments* tool.

The mailing address is: City of Lebanon, Tax Department, 50 South Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036.

For more information, contact the tax dept. at 513-933-7205.



Save the Date for Girls Night Out

Mark your calendars for 2019 Girls' Night Out in downtown Lebanon. With four different dates to choose from, there's no reason to miss out on all of the fun!

2019 DATES

March 16
May 10
August 10
Nov. 9

Be sure to bring your girlfriends, mom, and daughters for a nice change of pace, and an opportunity to pamper yourself.

Event hours are 4-9 p.m. Visit the website www.mainstreetlebanon.com for details.