



## Outdoor Warning System Alerts of Potential Tornadoes

**S**pring weather can be unpredictable. 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, and 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 you should 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. 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.

## Signs of Severe Weather



- **Dark, often greenish sky**
- **Large hail**
- **A large, dark, low lying cloud - particularly if rotating**
- **Loud Roar, similar to a freight train**

## Free Tree Pruning Workshop Offered

**T**he City of Lebanon is offering a community tree pruning workshop on March 14 from 9 a.m. - noon. This free workshop will be led by Wendi Van Buren, ODNR Regional Urban Forester.

Participants will begin the workshop with an informational presentation regarding proper tree pruning techniques, followed by a hands-on training experience of pruning downtown street trees.

If you are interested in registering for this free workshop, call Connie Baugher at 513-228-3156 or email [cbaugher@lebanonohio.gov](mailto:cbaugher@lebanonohio.gov).



# Save the Date for 2015 Girls' Night Out

Mark your calendars for 2015 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!

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.historicdowntownlebanon.com](http://www.historicdowntownlebanon.com), for details.

## 2015 DATES

March 14  
May 9  
August 8  
November 7



## WINTER Farmer's Market

Thursdays from 4-6 pm  
Corner of Main & Sycamore

The growing season may be over, but the Lebanon Winter Farmer's Market has a wide variety of offerings throughout the year. Choose from local honey, syrup, artisan breads, cookies and cakes, herbs, eggs, vegetables, soaps, lotions, plants and more.

## Trash Collection Reminders

Please take a moment to review these guidelines reviewing the City's refuse collection.

- Please place any refuse for collection no earlier than 5 p.m. on the day before collection and no later than 6 a.m. on the day of collection.
- Cans and bags should not exceed 75 lbs. Please do not place trash or recyclables at the curb in boxes.
- All boxes should be broken down and bundled. There is no limit on the amount of recycling collected.
- Carpet placed for collection must be cut into lengths no longer than 4 ft. long, and must be rolled and tied.
- All mattresses must be completely wrapped in plastic, or they will not be collected.
- Loose shrubs or lumber must be bundled and tied in lengths no larger than 4 ft. long and 2 ft. wide.
- Bundles should not exceed 50 lbs.
- Residents can place one large item (ie: furniture, appliance) a week at the curb. Please contact Rumpke, 24 hours in advance, of placing at curb.
- Freon containing appliances require special handling procedures. Please visit [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com) for details.
- According to federal law, Rumpke is not permitted to accept batteries, tires, liquids, combustible materials or any items identified as hazardous.
- Recycling and trash containers provided by Rumpke are property of Rumpke. Should you move, the container should remain at the residence, even if you are moving to a new address within the City.
- Large recycling totes are available to all residents. Call the service department at 933-7200 to schedule a delivery.



## 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.



### 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.

## Local Tax Filing Deadline is April 15

It's that time of year again to begin preparing for annual tax filing. Lebanon residents and businesses must make their local tax filing by April 15, 2015 to avoid any penalties. Filing is also required even if no tax is due.

Tax returns will not be mailed for 2014 filing. Please visit our website at [www.lebanonohio.gov](http://www.lebanonohio.gov) and visit the Finance Department page to download the forms. You have the option of completing the form online, which will auto calculate your information for you, so that you only need to print and sign, or you can print the forms and complete on your own.

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

