



GUADALUPE COUNTY

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Guadalupe County Addresses Concerns Regarding Emergency Sirens

Guadalupe, TX - The Guadalupe County Office of Emergency Management has received numerous calls, emails, and social media messages from concerned residents regarding the county's emergency siren system, particularly from those living along the Guadalupe River. We want to assure the public that the emergency sirens are fully functional and actively monitored.

Guadalupe County currently operates **23 siren locations** strategically placed throughout the county. These sirens are primarily used to alert residents of **significant weather events or emergencies** that require immediate attention.

In recent weeks, the weekly Saturday siren test at noon was temporarily suspended due to ongoing rain events. To avoid causing unnecessary alarm or confusion during periods of inclement weather, we chose not to activate the sirens. However, the sirens continue to run automated functional tests twice daily, with the results sent directly to Emergency Management staff for monitoring. If weather conditions permit, the weekly Saturday test will resume this weekend at noon.

In addition to the siren system, Guadalupe County utilizes the Regional Emergency Alert Notification (REAN) System, a free service available to all residents. REAN provides real-time alerts via phone, email, or text regarding emergencies or significant public safety events.

Guadalupe County Emergency Management staff also have access to the **Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS)**, FEMA's national emergency alerting system, which can broadcast critical alerts via Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), Emergency Alert System (EAS), and NOAA Weather Radio. However, the recent event did not meet IPAWS activation criteria.

On **July 5th, 2025**, the REAN system was activated to issue a **Guadalupe River Flow Advisory** to residents living near the river, advising them to **secure loose items and remain alert**. The advisory was sent to **2,447 registered contacts**, with **1,162 recipients confirming receipt** of the message.

Guadalupe County consistently trains and prepares for emergencies with our local, state, and federal response partners to ensure a quick and effective response when events occur.

To sign up for REAN alerts, visit <https://www.guadalupe.tx.gov/page/homepage>