

Are You Ready?

Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere. CCEMA encourages people to take three key steps to be better prepared.

1. Create a disaster supplies kit of items you will need to get through the first 72 hours of a disaster.
2. Make and practice a disaster plan.
3. Be informed by utilizing at least two forms of weather alerts—weather radio, mobile alerts, television, etc.

Don't forget to take into consideration family with special needs, such as the elderly, as well as pets and livestock.

For more information, including plan templates and mobile apps, visit www.ready.ga.gov



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Carroll County Severe Weather Warning Sirens

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Severe Weather

Storms can quickly intensify with potentially lethal consequences. While monitoring the news media and a NOAA severe weather radio is a first line of defense, Carroll County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) helps to alert residents of approaching severe weather by activating outdoor warning sirens.

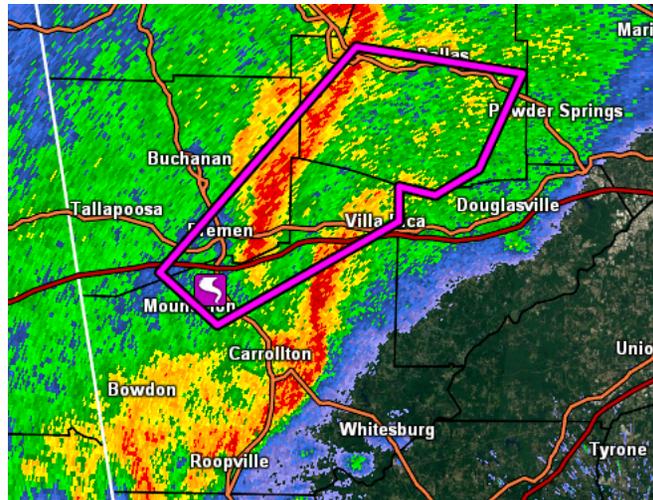
NWS Polygon Warnings

The National Weather Service (NWS) can issue single or multiple severe thunderstorm, flash flood and/or tornado warnings. NWS has the ability to outline very specific geographic areas on its storm-tracking radar with polygons (a closed two-dimensional shape) to mark the locations most likely to be affected.

CCEMA Siren Activation

In the past, when NWS issued a warning, CCEMA activated all the sirens in the County. But with advances in NWS technology and the use of the County's WeatherWarn software, CCEMA will be able to activate just the sirens in the storm-affected areas of the county. These sirens will sound for approximately a 1-square mile radius and do not provide county-wide coverage.

Outdoor weather sirens are located in places where outdoor events occur, and they are not recommended as a sole alerting source inside homes or businesses.



An EFO tornado spotted on Radar November 30, 2016.

Hear Sirens? Take Cover!

When NWS issues a severe weather warning, CCEMA can activate its severe weather warning sirens within the polygon area(s) to alert the locations and people targeted in the path of the storm and not the entire County. *So when you hear sirens, you know you must take immediate action to stay safe.*

Seeking Shelter

Following the tips below can help you and your pets stay safe.

- Take shelter in the lowest part of a sturdy building.
- Put as many interior walls between you and the outside as you can.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- Listen to a battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio for official updates.