



BBFD EMERGENCY WARNING SIRENS

Frequently Asked Questions:

The Big Bear Emergency Outdoor Warning Siren System is an all-hazards siren system used to warn the general population of potential danger. During an emergency, the sirens may be activated.

What Do the Sirens Mean?

Our system uses two siren tones.

- **Test:** A single 15 second tone signifying a test of the emergency warning system is being conducted.
- **Disaster or Emergency:** A three-minute, up-and-down whaling tone is notifying the community of an emergency or disaster, including a fire, earthquake, severe storm, chemical hazard/hazardous material incident, extreme winds, or biological hazard.

Siren Test Times

Sirens are tested on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

What Should I Do if I Hear the Sirens?

If the sirens are activated and it is not a monthly siren test, the public should see it as a signal to tune in to local media to get information about the type of emergency and public safety orders that are in effect, areas affected, and actions that need to be taken by the public in affected areas.

The public should not call 9-1-1 unless they have an actual emergency.