

Tornados and Severe Weather

A **Tornado Watch** is issued when conditions are favorable for a tornado to occur in an area. You should closely monitor the weather, TV, or radio when a watch has been issued.

A **Tornado Warning** is issued when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. You should take protective measures when a warning has been issued.

Steps to basic tornado protection:

1. **Go indoors if at all possible.**
Most injuries associated with a tornado are from flying debris.
2. **Go to an interior room with no windows.**
3. **Seek additional protection.**
Get into an interior closet, under a bed, or use a mattress as additional protection.
4. **Do NOT try to out run a tornado in a vehicle.**
The winds from a tornado can lift a car from the ground causing you to become trapped in the vehicle.

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CodeRED Weather Warning is a unique service that automatically calls citizens in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. This limited CodeRED Weather Warning subscription is available to you at no direct cost. Visit: <http://www.trpdd.com/codered/>

Hazardous Materials

Hazmat emergencies with the potential to impact the community may include vapor releases that could cause respirator difficulties or vapors that could cause flammable or explosive environments.

Knowing the sources of potential hazmat releases will help you to evaluate the best options for sheltering in place, or if evacuation is necessary, the best route to take for escape.

Potential sources of hazmat releases include, but are not limited to:

Chemical transport trucks: Chemical transport trucks should always travel on major highways except when delivering to a specific location.

Chemical rail cars: You should know the location of area rail tracks relative to your home. Learn the traffic schedules for local rail service.

Natural gas pipelines: Natural gas is transported throughout the county and city via pipelines. Natural gas leaks can create flammable and explosive atmospheres.

Municipal water treatment: Most water treatment plants use chlorine to disinfect water before it is delivered for consumption. Chlorine can cause acute respiratory ailments or death in extreme cases.

Manufacturing facilities: Many manufacturing facilities use various chemicals in large quantities or in high concentrations.



Emergency Preparedness Guide

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Emergency Planning

Make a Family Plan!

After an emergency strikes, it is too late to formulate a plan. You should know and understand potential emergency scenarios and develop family plans for each scenario.

Potential Emergencies in Monroe County

Severe Thunderstorms

Winter Storms

Heat Waves

Tornados

Hazardous Materials Incidents

Transportation Accidents

Emergency Contacts

For an emergency requiring immediate response or to report a crime in action:

DIAL 911

Do NOT dial 911 to seek information!

Call before you dig:

811 or www.ms1call.org

City of Amory:

Police Department 662-256-2676

Fire Department 662-256-8383

Utilities Department 662-256-5633

Monroe County:

Sheriff's Office 662-369-2468

911 Information 662-369-3683

Internet sites with additional information on emergency planning include:

www.cityofamoryms.com

(Click Our Community & Weather Alerts)

www.fema.gov

www.ready.gov

www.redcross.org

www.nicsinfo.org

www.mslepc.org

Community Alarm System

The City of Amory & Monroe County have a community alarm system that will sound in the event of an emergency. The system is operated by Monroe County 911. There are 5 sirens located at various points in the city.

In the event of a severe weather condition, the siren will sound. This will be followed with a broadcast message explaining the condition.

In the event of severe weather, one should take precautions as described in the severe weather section of this pamphlet.

In the event of a chemical emergency, the siren will sound. This will be followed with a broadcast message explaining the nature of the emergency.

In the event of a chemical emergency one should take precautions as described in the shelter in place section of this pamphlet.

The system will be tested the first Friday of the month at 12:00 Noon.

Community Shelters

-2 shelters are located at the West Amory Community Center: 713 111th Street

-2 shelters are located at the East Amory Community Center: 1200 Crump Blvd

-2 shelters are located at Celebration Station Playground by Concord Fields in Amory.

-The basement at City Hall in Amory behind Frisco Park is designated a safe place for the community.

Shelter in Place

Sheltering in Place is a simple and effective means of protection from air borne chemicals and other contaminants.

The steps to Shelter in Place are:

1. Go Inside

A house, school, or other building can provide substantial protection from air borne chemicals.

2. Close All Doors & Windows

Minimize air infiltration into the house. Make sure to lock doors and windows to ensure a good seal. Taping or covering door and window seams with duct tape or plastic sheeting can greatly improve the seal. Placing a damp towel at the base of the door can help to absorb chemicals.

3. Turn off Fans, Air Conditioners, Heaters, & Central Units

Fans and HVAC equipment can draft outside air into the home. Close all vents. If you have a fireplace, close the damper but only if there is no fire in the fireplace.

4. Turn on a Radio & Television

Monitor the radio, television, or emergency scanner for information or instructions regarding the emergency.

5. Stay Inside Until Given the All Clear

Stay inside, preferably in an interior room.