

NOTICE - Haven Township

Outdoor Civil Defense Sirens

Decommissioning Beginning in 2027

As a result of FEMA granting Xcel's request to move to an all-digital early warning system, the company decided to offer the 49 sirens it owned and operated in Sherburne County to local jurisdictions.

The Haven Township Board of Supervisors declined the offer, citing financial and other potential liabilities in owning and operating the sirens. As well as the availability and reliability of more advanced technology for detection and alerting the public of severe weather and emergency events.

To prepare Haven Township residents, the following information is being distributed, well before any sirens are decommissioned.

Residents should consider some or all the following Alternative Early Warning applications and equipment to keep you informed of severe weather and emergencies.



Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) is FEMA's national system for local alerting that provides authenticated emergency and life-saving information to the public through mobile phones using Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), to radio and television via the Emergency Alert System (EAS), on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Weather Radio, and to digital devices and services via the IPAWS All-Hazards Information Feed. While the IPAWS WEA system is pre-loaded on cell phones, you have control over receiving certain categories of alerts (such as Imminent Threat or AMBER Alerts) in your device settings.

iPhone Users: Go to Settings® Notifications, scroll down to Government Alerts, and toggle Emergency-Alerts and Public Safety-Alerts to ON

Android Users: Go to Settings® Safety & Emergency (or Notifications) ® Wireless Emergency Alerts and turn Allow Alerts to ON



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NOAA Weather Radio This radio cost range \$50.00-\$200.00 – depending on brand and adaption needs. **FREE** to listen online: <https://www.weatherusa.net/radio>

NOAA FREE app available, for cell devices. **Android Users:** App available on Google Play

iOS/iPhone Users: App available on Apple Play

Visit your cell provider's store to help you add apps to your mobile device or modify app settings.

For any further questions feel free to reach out to the Haven Township Board of Supervisors.