

WHY IS HAVING A WEATHER RADIO IMPORTANT?

When hazardous weather or other life-threatening situations are about to occur in your area, seconds can make a difference and ensure your safety. Weather radios are one of the many ways to receive notification of imminent severe weather including severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, flash flooding, and severe winter weather.

The All Hazard Weather Radio will alert you of weather and other threats any time of day or night. It also has a battery backup for those events when the power goes out. An All Hazard Radio is like a smoke detector for your home—it only sounds when your safety is threatened.

With immediate warning from a weather radio you and your loved ones have additional time to take adequate precautions, find shelter, or reach safety. The device, equipped with an alarm feature, can be programmed to sound a tone and give you immediate information about life-threatening situations in our vicinity any time, day or night.

**Make a Plan.
Have a Kit.
Stay Informed.**

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All Hazard Weather Radio



*It's like having a tornado
siren in your home.*

WHAT IS AN ALL HAZARD WEATHER RADIO?

All Hazard Weather Radios provide continuous, up-to-date weather information. Importantly, they are equipped with a special alarm tone that will sound an alert and broadcast immediate information about a life-threatening (or community-specific AMBER alert) situation. During a weather, natural or man-made emergency, the National Weather Service will interrupt routine weather programming and broadcast a special tone that activates weather radios, by county, in the covered areas. The emergency tone is automatic and will be sounded on the radio at any time an emergency may be likely or is imminent.

The hearing and visually impaired can also benefit from these warnings by connecting weather radios with alarm tones to other kinds of attention-getting devices like strobe lights, pagers, bed-shakers, personal computers and text printers.

CAN I PROGRAM MY WEATHER RADIO FOR MY COUNTY?

Most newer model All Hazard Weather Radios can be programmed for single or multiple counties. See the owner's manual for radio-specific instructions. Programming your weather radio will reduce the number of times it will tone alert. You will need local weather radio frequencies and SAME county codes.

Weather Radio frequencies for Douglas County:

Topeka: 162.475

Halls Summit: 162.425

Pleasant Hill: 162.550

Douglas and surrounding county SAME Codes:

Douglas County: 020045

Jefferson County: 020087

Franklin County: 020059

Osage County: 020139

Shawnee County: 020177

WHAT IF MY RADIO SIGNAL IS WEAK?

The strength of your signal depends on several different factors: distance from a particular transmitter, location in your home or business, building materials, geography, etc.

Troubleshooting weak signal issues:

- Try a new frequency in your current location.
- Try different locations in your home/business including rooms and floors when applicable. Placing your weather radio near a window facing the transmitter may increase your ability to receive the signal.
- Purchase an external antenna.

Be sure to test your weather radio in your home before severe weather or another emergency strikes to ensure you receive timely information.

For additional technical and other information on weather radios visit www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/.

For additional preparedness information visit: www.douglas-county.com/depts/em/em_home.aspx.