



Outdoor Warning System Alerts of Potential Tornadoes

Spring weather can be unpredictable, and thunderstorms cause most of the severe spring weather, since they can bring lightning and tornadoes. Lebanon's outdoor warning system is designed to warn people who are outdoors of potential tornadoes in the immediate area. The system consists of seven sirens located throughout the city. The sirens are tested on the first Wednesday of each month at noon.

Other than for regular monthly testing, the siren system is activated only when a tornado has been spotted by trained observers or when the National Weather Service has issued a "Tornado Warning" for Warren County. A "Tornado Warning" means that a tornado has been spotted, or that Doppler radar indicates a thunderstorm circulation which can spawn a tornado. When a tornado warning is issued, immediate safety precautions should be taken.

What Should You Do if You Hear a Siren?

When you hear an outdoor warning siren you should seek immediate shelter. If you are outside, go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest level of the building. If there is no

basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Do not open windows.

Once you are inside and in a safe location, turn on a TV, radio or NOAA weather alert radio to be informed of the storm location, path, and the duration of the warning. No "all-clear" signal is issued. When the warning has expired it is safe to leave your shelter location, but remain prepared to respond to additional warnings that may be issued.

It is strongly recommended that every residence, business and school be equipped with a weather alert radio with battery back-up. Weather alert radios automatically activate to warn and inform you whenever a warning is issued for Warren County.

If you are in a vehicle, trailer, or mobile home, get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.

If you are outside with no building available, seek cover by lying flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your

Signs of Severe Weather



- **Dark, often greenish sky**
- **Large hail**
- **A large, dark, low lying cloud - particularly if rotating**
- **Loud roar, similar to a freight train**

head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding. Do not get under an overpass or bridge; you are safer in a low, flat location. Also, never try to outrun a tornado in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter. Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.

Take Shelter immediately, and do not wait to hear the outdoor warning system.

Lebanon Business Expo Offers Information About Local Offerings

The Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a business expo on Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Lebanon High School, located at 1916 Drake Road. Local business and service providers will be on hand to share their products, services and talents

with the community. A host of offerings will be available to all who attend. The expo is free and open to the public.

This annual event is held in conjunction with Lebanon Rotary Club's Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast hours are from

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7 - 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$6 per adult and \$4 per child.

Food trucks will be open from noon - 3 p.m. For more information, contact the Lebanon Chamber at 932-1100.

Municipal Income Tax Credit Reduction: What It Means To You

The Lebanon City Council approved changes to the City's Tax Code on August 23, 2016 that reduced the amount of income tax credit for taxes paid to other municipalities by ½%. This reduction to the tax credit will generate about \$800,000 in annual revenue to allow the City to significantly reduce the backlog of required road repairs.

What the Tax Credit Reduction Means to You

The credit reduction will not impact the way you file your City tax return for tax year 2016, but the preparation of your 2017 tax return *may* change.

If you work within the City of Lebanon, the 1% withholding tax on Box 5 of your W-2 Form will satisfy your City tax obligation and no further tax is due.

If you work outside the City of Lebanon, and pay local taxes to the city where you work, your local filing credit will be ½% of the withholding toward your City of Lebanon tax due. For example, a Lebanon

resident working in Cincinnati with wages of \$50,000, as reported in Box 5, will be withheld at the City of Cincinnati rate of 2.1%. The credit you will receive when you file your City of Lebanon taxes cannot exceed ½% of the wages earned.

Box 5 Taxable Wages	\$50,000
Lebanon City Tax Owed	\$500
Credit for Tax Paid to Other City	\$250
<i>Not to exceed ½%</i>	
Remaining Balance Due	\$250

Your employer may voluntarily withhold your City of Lebanon taxes at your request. Contact your employer's payroll department to determine eligibility.

For more information, visit our website at www.lebanonohio.gov. Go to the *departments* tab and then click on *tax information* from the options provided.

If you need any assistance with your municipal tax filing, please contact the City of Lebanon Tax Department at 513-933-7205.

Local Tax Filing Deadline is April 18, 2017

It's that time of year again to begin preparing for annual tax filing. Lebanon residents and businesses must make their local tax filing by April 18, 2017 to avoid any penalties. Filing is also required even if no tax is due.

Tax returns will not be mailed for 2016 filing. Please visit our website at www.lebanonohio.gov and go to the Finance Department page to download the forms. You have the option of completing the form online, which will auto calculate your information for you, so that you only need to print and sign, or you can print the forms and complete on your own. All completed forms must be submitted to the tax dept. by mail or in person. The mailing address is: City of Lebanon, Tax Dept., 50 South Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036.

For more information, contact the tax department at 933-7205.



Are You a Good Neighbor?

We can all help to make Lebanon a great place to live and work. One of the best ways to be a good neighbor is to follow the City's ordinances.

Invasive Plant Species

All premises shall be maintained free of any plant species that encroaches or invades a neighboring property or public right of way in a manner that results in damage to property.

An example of such an invasive plant is running bamboo. Once planted in the ground, running bamboo plants create a strong and complex network of plants that cannot be controlled by simply cutting, because the roots will continue to travel underground in search of new territory to colonize.

A running bamboo's root system will extend roughly 20 feet annually and over 100 feet from the original plant in its lifetime. The roots can be as dense as steel cable and are very difficult to eradicate. If left



Public Notice

The City of Lebanon 2016 Sanitary Sewer Overflow Report is available on the City's website at www.lebanonohio.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/642. Please contact Joe Hardin with Water/Wastewater at 228-3602 for more information.

unchecked, roots can cause major destruction to neighboring yards, other plants, and infrastructure, including, buildings and their foundations, driveways, walkways, septic systems and more.

Property owners who plant such invasive plant species will be sent a notice that such vegetation must be cut or destroyed.

Barking Dogs

Dog owners are not allowed to harbor or keep a dog that, by loud and frequent or habitual barking, howling or yelping, shall cause an annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood.

Barking dog violations may be reported to the Lebanon Police department at 932-2010.

