



# Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release

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### **Emergency Outdoor Warning Siren Test This Week**

**Chatham County, GA (August 5, 2019)** - The Chatham Emergency Management Agency will conduct the monthly scheduled test of Chatham County's Emergency Warning Siren System this week.

**WHAT:** Emergency Outdoor Warning Siren Test

**WHEN:** Wednesday, August 7, 2019 12:00 PM

**WHERE:** Chatham County

#### **DETAILS:**

At noon Wednesday, Chatham County residents will hear a one minute emergency tone from the various sirens located throughout the county. This monthly test is necessary to ensure that the Emergency Warning Siren System is functioning properly. The City of Tybee Island will conduct a separate siren test at 11:00 AM.

In the event of poor weather conditions such as rain or overcast weather, the siren test will be rescheduled.

To learn more about the Chatham County Emergency Warning Siren System, please visit our website at [www.ChathamEmergency.org](http://www.ChathamEmergency.org).

A separate, national test of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) will be conducted on Wednesday. IPAWS sends alerts to the community when there is an emergency situation. The test will be conducted using the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on *Wednesday, August 7, 2019, at 2:20 PM EDT*. This alert will affect radio and T.V. stations only. The EAS test message will be: **"THIS IS A TEST of the National Emergency Alert System. This system was developed by broadcast and cable operators in voluntary cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Communication Commission, and local authorities to keep you informed in the event of an emergency. If this had been an actual emergency an official message would have followed the tone alert you heard at the start of this message. No action is required."**

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