

Greetings;

As you may be aware the Brandon Emergency Alerting Program (BEAP) has been working to improve the City's ability to alert the public to emergency situations. The goal in any alerting program is to notify as many people as possible with enough information so they can take some protective action.

Why do we need the Brandon Emergency Alerting Program?

Disasters can happen suddenly. An emergency or disaster can happen anytime, anywhere. BEAP is an effective way to make you aware that something is happening in Brandon that may require you to take some action. This could include, warning of a tornado, chemical spill, toxic smoke from a fire, or some other emergency situation.

What does the alerting tone sound like?

The alert tone is an alternating high low electronic beep and the "all clear" is the Westminster Chime. For a sample, go to www.brandon.ca and click on the Brandon Emergency Alerting Program box at the bottom of the Home Page.

What should I do when I hear the alerting tone?

1. Go indoors.
2. Turn on your radio or TV to a local station
CKLQ 880 AM
Star 94.7 FM
KX 96.1 FM
101.1 FM The Farm
CKX Television (during regular broadcast times)
3. Wait until the broadcast provides an update on the situation. Depending on the time of day this message may be immediately available or may be several minutes coming.

Where will the siren stations be located?

Sirens are already located at Green Acres School, Rideau Park, City Hall, J.R. Reid School, and the Agriculture Extension Centre. Over the next couple of years siren stations will be located throughout the city

What will the siren station look like?

Sirens are either mounted on 55 foot poles or on buildings. Each speaker station has 8 speaker cones at the top and a metal utility box at the bottom.

How often will I hear the Alerting Tone?

To give everyone an opportunity to learn what the sirens sound like and to ensure the equipment remains in operating condition we plan a series of test beginning June 17 at 4:40 PM. The test will begin and end with a public address announcement through the system. All 5 sirens will be activated for 1 minute followed by the Westminster Chime "All Clear" signal. The sirens will then be activated on the following Wednesdays at 4:40 PM: July 1, July 15, July 29, August 12 and August 26. The system will then be activated on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:40 PM.

If you have any questions, please call 729-2239 or b.kayes@brandon.ca