

# LEON VALLEY FLOOD WARNING SIREN

Leon Valley has a siren warning system in order to notify residents of flooding. The siren is located in the Jeff Loop/El Verde Road area, the neighborhood impacted most often by flooding. In the future, additional sirens may be installed in other areas of the city.

The siren is maintained by Leon Valley Fire Department, and is controlled by emergency dispatchers in the Communications Center.

## **When the Siren Sounds**

The outdoor warning siren is sounded when there is danger of flood:

### ***Flood Watch Alert Signal***

Flood Watch - There is a threat of possible flooding. **The flood siren will sound a 90-second rise/fall signal.**

**Actions** - Begin preparations for evacuation if you live in a flood-prone area. People with disabilities or special needs should consider calling family or other helpers immediately, so they will be ready to assist if evacuation becomes necessary. Monitor National Weather Service broadcasts, or listen to news on radio or television. Pets should be prepared (placed in carriers) for possible evacuation. Do not drive your vehicle into flooded low water crossings or streets. Vehicles caught in rising water can be swept away and should be abandoned quickly. Move to higher ground.

### ***Flood Warning Alert Signal***

Flood Warning - Indicates imminent flooding. **The flood siren will sound a steady signal for three minutes.**

**Actions** - Act Now! Evacuate if you live in a flood-prone area. Go stay with family or friends, or go to a safe place out of flood danger and let your family and friends know where you are. If you have no place to go, you may go to a local shelter. Predetermined shelter locations will be opened as soon as possible. Shelter locations are:

Church on The Rock, 6401 Bandera Road  
Horizon Church, 6800 Evers Road

Evacuated areas will remain closed to vehicles and residents until it is safe to open them. Additional Police patrols will be established in evacuated areas to safeguard property.

When the sirens stop sounding it does not mean the danger has passed. Leon Valley is prone to flash flooding, and floodwater may rise again quickly and unexpectedly. Stay alert for additional flood watch and siren warning signals.

## **Testing of the Flood Siren**

The siren is tested on the first Wednesday of every month at noon, weather permitting. The siren is not tested during potential bad weather to avoid confusion. During this test, the siren is sounded for approximately 1 minute.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLOOD WARNING SIREN CONTACT**

Leon Valley Fire Department at (210) 684-3219

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