## THE VOICE OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR), the voice of the National Weather Service (NWS), provides updated weather information continuously, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Watches, warnings, advisories, forecasts, current weather conditions, and climate data are broadcast in three to five minute cycles on NWR stations across the nation.

Madison Lauderdale Limestone Jackson Colbert Morgan Marshall, Franklin Lawrence 001095 DeKalb 001079 Cullman Cherokee Marion Winston 001133 Blount Oneonta Walker Calhoun Winfield St. Clair Jefferson Fayette Lamar Cleburne Talladega Tuscaloosa Pickens Birmingham Mt. Cheaha Randolph Clay Shelby Tuscaloosa Bibb Coosa Tallapoosa Greene Chilton Chambers Hale Репту Elmore Lee Autauga Sumter Auburn Selma Russell Dallas Montgomery Demopolis Lowndes Bullock Choctaw lontgomen Marengo Wilcox Barbour Clarke Greenville Crenshaw Monroe Jackson Butler Texasville Washington Henry Conecuh Dozier Dale Coffee 00112 Covington Houston Escambia Geneva Brewton Mobile

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To listen to NWR broadcasts, a special radio capable of receiving signals in the Very High Frequency (VHF) public service radio band is required. Seven frequencies from 162.400 to 162.550 megahertz (MHz) are used. Weather radios can be purchased at most electronics stores and online. Prices of these radios vary from location to location and depend on the type of radio purchased.

All Hazards

The map to the left shows the names and locations of all NOAA Weather Radio transmitters located in the state of Alabama. Transmitters shown in yellow are maintained by NWS Huntsville, those in red by NWS Birmingham, and those in blue by NWS Mobile. The names of each of the 67 counties have been included on the map, as well as the SAME codes for each county.

For SAME codes for the rest of the United States and marine areas visit: www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/indexnw.htm

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards is useful anytime, but it becomes more important during severe weather. During threatening weather, normal broadcasts are interrupted, and the focus is shifted to the local severe weather threat. Watches and warnings are given the highest priority and are frequently updated.

NWR is a major part of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) that disseminates critical warning information rapidly through commercial broadcast outlets. In an emergency, each NWR station will transmit a warning alarm tone signal followed by information on the emergency situation. This signal is capable of activating specially designed receivers by increasing the volume or producing a visual and/or audible alarm. Though not all weather band receivers have this capability, all weather radios can receive the emergency broadcasts.

The warning alarm device is normally tested each Wednesday between 11 AM and Noon, weather permitting. Contact your local NWS office for information on additional testing days and times.

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