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## **...Ice Topples Tower – Weather Radio Station Off-Air...**

Listeners of NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards station KWN62 near Ord, Nebraska will have to find alternate sources of weather information for the next few months. The tower which housed the KWN62 broadcast antenna was toppled by the weight of ice and force of wind gusts over 60 mph last weekend. There is no broadcast from the site at this time.

No specific timetable has been given for a replacement tower to be erected, although the site owner has indicated it will likely take up to 90 days (mid-summer). In the meantime, the site owner has erected a shorter, temporary tower, but that tower is not capable of supporting the NOAA Weather Radio broadcast antenna. Therefore, for the time being, NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards station KWN62 will be off the air entirely. There will be no broadcast whatsoever, including no alerts for severe weather normally broadcast.

People who rely on the broadcast should find other sources of weather information to fill the temporary void. Those sources could include local phone notification programs, Apps, local media and any source which will provide reliable weather information dedicated to Valley County and the surrounding region.

Listeners outside of Valley County may be able to tune into other NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards stations and pick up some signal, including alert tones. Those stations include:

- WXL74 covering Sherman and Howard counties. Broadcast frequency 162.400 MHz
- WNG645 covering Greeley and Wheeler counties. Broadcast frequency 162.500 MHz
- WXL73 covering Wheeler, Garfield and Loup counties. Broadcast frequency 162.475 MHz
- WXN72 covering Custer and Sherman counties. Broadcast frequency 162.500 MHz

These stations will continue to broadcast severe weather information, including sending alert tones for watches/warnings, and provide routine weather information for the counties listed above (*as well as some other counties*).

The National Weather Service (NWS) encourages everyone to employ multiple sources for your weather information, especially for severe weather notifications. The NWS will work closely with the site owner to return to the broadcast signal to full operation as soon as possible. We apologize for this inconvenience.

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