

The tornado sirens for the City of Tahoka will be activated under the following conditions:

Tornado Warning

A Tornado Warning issued by National Weather Service and the warning polygon includes the city of Tahoka.

A tornado, funnel cloud, or violently rotating wall cloud associated with a thunderstorm tracking towards Tahoka and is observed by a known storm spotter associated with the Tahoka Fire Department, Tahoka Police Department, Lynn County Sheriff Office and/or Lynn County Emergency Management office.

Tornado sirens should not be activated if someone calls and identifies themselves as a storm chaser and says they observed something that is not supported by information from local Emergency Responders, the National Weather Service or radar clearly does not support the warning.

For the tornado scenarios, the tornado sirens should be activated. Once the initial three-minute cycle ends the tornado sirens should **continue to be reactivated** until the storm passes or is no longer a threat to the city.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning that includes Destructive Damage Threat

The tornado siren will be activated when the National Weather Service issues a ***Severe Thunderstorm Warning that includes the Destructive Damage threat in the warning*** and the warning polygon includes the city of Tahoka.

This Severe Thunderstorm Warning that includes the Destructive Damage tag is issued when there is at least 80 mph winds and/or hail larger than 2.75".

Severe Thunderstorm Warnings with Destructive tags (80 MPH wind and/or 2.75" hail) will set off Wireless Emergency Alerts on smart phones in the warned area.

A storm with this classification of the Destructive Damage threat conveys to the public that urgent action is needed, a life-threatening event is occurring and substantial damage to property may occur. People should seek shelter in a safe place inside a sturdy building away from windows. Flying debris may occur in this storm and can be deadly for those without a safe place to shelter.

For a Severe Thunderstorm Warning with the Destructive Damage Threat, the tornado sirens should be activated for only **ONE** three-minute cycle after the warning is issued. Sirens will not be reactivated after the initial cycle is complete.