

New Tone Alert Radios Arriving in Madison County Summer of 2010

The upgrade to the tone alert radio system in Madison County is expected to begin with deliveries made to eligible residences, businesses, and special population facilities this summer.

Why an upgrade?

Not only will this upgrade replace the aging tone alert radios distributed in Madison County in the mid-1990s, it will extend the coverage area within the county.

The new TARs will have a longer battery life, text display, AM/FM radio capabilities, and user-friendly features.

Am I eligible to receive a new tone alert radio?

Not every resident in Madison County will receive a new TAR. While the ultimate goal of Madison County EMA/CSEPP is to provide units to every resident, this current expansion of coverage is being increased from a 6.2-mile radius to an approximate 9-mile radius from the chemical limited area at the Blue Grass Army Depot. Madison County EMA/CSEPP recommends residents outside this area purchase a weather radio at a local retailer. If you have questions regarding a weather radio, please call us at 624-4787.

All "special population facilities" are eligible for Tone Alert Radios, and will receive a new TAR, no matter what their location in the county. Special population facilities include schools, daycares, nursing homes and hospitals.

How do I receive a new Tone Alert Radio?

Once a start date for deliveries has been established, the delivery cycle will last approximately 90 days. When the cycle starts, a delivery will be attempted to each eligible resident/business **three** times during this time period. Records will be kept to track all deliveries and attempted deliveries. After the 90-day delivery cycle, eligible residents and business owners will be given information on obtaining a new TAR if they failed to receive one.

NOTE: The delivery person will not collect the old TARs.

What do I do with my old TAR?

Until otherwise notified, keep your current Tone Alert Radio in place and plugged into a wall outlet. You will need to have BOTH tone alert radio units in place for a while until a complete "switch-over" from one system to the other has taken place.

After testing is complete for the new system, drop-off locations will be established to collect the old TARs. Once these locations are established and announced, you will need to take your old TAR to a drop-off site for recycling.

DO NOT leave your old TAR on your porch for pick up.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR TAR IN THE GARBAGE.

Remember:

The TARs stay with the address of the home, business, or apartment to which they are assigned. Even if you move, the Tone Alert Radio stays.

Once the new system is in place, you will need only ONE Tone Alert Radio in your household.

All TAR units have assigned serial numbers. It is illegal to sell a Tone Alert Radio which was provided by Madison County EMA/CSEPP.