



Borough of North Plainfield

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- **Primary Emergency Alert System:** The primary method for North Plainfield residents to stay informed during an emergency is the Borough's emergency alerting system, **CivicReady**.
- **How to Sign Up:** Residents, business owners, and family members can sign up for CivicReady through a link on the home page of the Borough's website (<https://northplainfieldnj.gov>).
- **Types of Alerts:** Users can choose which alerts they want to receive, including:
 - Automatic weather alerts (watches and warnings) from the National Weather Service.
 - Recreation news.
 - Mayor's special events.
 - Other useful information.
- **Critical Alerts:** In a critical situation, the CivicReady system can also send alerts for all landline phones registered to addresses in the Borough.
- **Other Information Sources:** In addition to CivicReady, residents can use the following to get information:
 - The Borough's Webpage: <https://northplainfieldnj.gov/>
 - The Borough's Official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/npborough/>
 - North Plainfield OEM Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthPlainfieldOEM/>
- **Backup Communication:** The Borough has a license for a Travelers Information Radio Station, **1630 AM**, which is maintained as a backup in case of cell service failure. This station only broadcasts information when the main forms of communication are down. If needed it will broadcast items such as supply distribution centers and recovery information.
- **Switch from Sirens:** The Borough switched from a siren system to CivicReady for several reasons listed below. You will not hear any sirens from the Borough of North Plainfield. Sirens often heard are from neighboring towns that use sirens to dispatch their fire departments.
 - **The Siren System was Failing:** The old system was unreliable and the cost to replace it was significant.
 - **Sirens are Unreliable:** They require constant testing, fail frequently, and it's hard to know if they activate during an emergency.
 - **Sirens Cause Panic:** Testing and activation of sirens lead to an increase in calls to emergency services, which can be a hazard during a real emergency.
 - **Lack of Specific Information:** Sirens don't provide customized instructions, and different situations require different responses.
 - **Audibility Issues:** Residents reported that they could not hear the sirens inside their houses during storms due to wind and rain. Additionally, several residents reported hearing sirens when they were not activated.

Useful Contact Information and Links

North Plainfield Alerting System QR Code



All Emergencies Dial 9-1-1

North Plainfield PD Non-Emergency: 908-769-2937

North Plainfield Fire/EMS Non-Emergency: 908-769-2935

PSE&G: 1-800-880-PSEG (800 880-7734)

NJ American Water: 800-272-1325

Comcast: 800 XFINITY (800 934-6489)

Verizon Fios: 800 Verizon (800 837-4966)

Somerset County Nixle (County Alerts):

<https://www.somersetcountynj.gov/about/emergency-alerts>

National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/>