

## **Emergency Alerts and Warnings**

**CIVIC Ready.** Be sure to stay safe and informed by receiving notifications and alerts from the Village of Chatham. Formerly eLerts, our new system allows you to better manage which alerts and notifications you receive. You can customize what notifications you receive through email, text, or phone call. We have a variety of groups you can join to get notifications about emergencies, advisories, and other events. You can get started at this link: <https://www.chathamil.gov/notifications-alerts>

**Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs)** are short emergency messages from authorized federal, state, local, tribal and territorial public alerting authorities that can be broadcast from cell towers to any WEA-enabled mobile device in a locally targeted area. WEAs can be sent by state and local public safety officials, the National Weather Service, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the President of the United States.

- If you are not receiving WEAs on your cell phone, check your phone settings.
  - Some wireless carriers call these types of messages “Government Alerts” or “Emergency Alert Messages”.
  - Be sure to turn on notifications for WEAs.
- Older cell phones may not be WEA compatible.

**Emergency Alert System (EAS)** The Emergency Alert System is a national public warning system that allows the president to address the nation within 10 minutes during a national emergency. State and local authorities may also use the system to deliver important emergency information such as weather information, imminent threats, AMBER alerts and local incident information targeted to specific areas.

- The EAS is sent through broadcasters, satellite digital audio services, direct broadcast satellite providers, cable television systems and wireless cable systems.
- An example of an EAS is the National Weather Service use of the system to broadcast a Severe Weather Watch and/or Warning for a specified area.

**NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)** NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards is a nationwide network of radio stations that broadcast continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office based on your physical location.

- NWR broadcasts official warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Midland WR-120 All Hazards Alert Weather Radio are inexpensive (\$35) and very easy to use.

**FEMA App.** The FEMA App allows you to receive real-time weather and emergency alerts, send notifications to loved ones, locate emergency shelters in your area, get preparedness strategies and more.

\* Learn more about emergency alerts and notifications by visiting <https://www.ready.gov/alerts>