

More weather radios available for Dickson residents

The second order of weather alert radios has arrived and is ready to be picked up by Dickson residents.

The Midland Weather and Emergency Alert radios are being offered free by the City of Dickson to each household within the city limits.

The radios can be picked up at Dickson Fire Department Station #1, 101 Church St., 7:00 am-3:00 pm Monday-Friday starting Friday, Oct. 24. Residents are restricted to one radio per household and must provide proof of residency within the city limits.

The radios are programmed for weather and emergency alerts for the Dickson area and include batteries for backup in a power outage and feature a time and alarm clock, weather forecasts at the push of a button and adjustable alert volume.

The free weather radios are part of the Seconds Matter! campaign launched and funded by the City of Dickson in 2016 with free address markers, which has grown to include free trigger locks, free smoke detectors, free child safety seat inspections and the free CodeRED emergency alert service.

The first order of 125 radios was given away in eight days. The second order of 200 radios arrived Thursday. City Administrator David Travis said the city will continue to furnish radios until every household in the city that wants one has received one.

“The Seconds Matter! campaign is the City of Dickson’s commitment to doing everything it can to promote the safety of its residents,” said Dickson Mayor Don L. Weiss Jr.

To request a smoke detector, contact the Dickson Fire Department at 615-446-6331 or stop by Station #1 at 101 Church St. during weekday business hours.

To obtain a free trigger lock, contact the Dickson Police Department at 615-446-5403 or stop by the Municipal Building at 202 South Main St. during weekday business hours.

Certified personnel from the police and fire departments can check the installation of a child safety seat during weekday business hours and frequently conduct safety seat checkpoints at community events such as the Dickson County Fair and Old Timers Day.

In January, the City of Dickson launched the CodeRED emergency alert system. This service is provided free to residents of Dickson who can sign up for messages regarding emergency and public service notifications. When you register, you choose what kind of messages you want and how you want to receive them.

Choices include:

- Severe weather notifications;
- Police Department notifications;
- Fire Department notifications;
- Public Works Department notifications;
- Parks and Recreation Department and Events notifications; and
- General city notifications.

With CodeRED, you can be alerted by text, email, voice call or even TTY message for the hearing impaired. If you don’t answer the initial call, a message will be left with the alert or directing you to call for information. If it’s a number with no voicemail or answering machine or the line is busy, the system will continue to call the number. CodeRED messages also are available in Spanish.

To sign up for the CodeRED notifications, text “Dickson” to 24639 to set up a free CodeRED account and make your choices for what kind of messages you want and how you want to receive them. You also can sign up online at <https://accountportal.onsolve.net/dicksontn>.

The CodeRED service specifically targets residences and businesses in the City of Dickson and is in addition to the Nixle alert system already provided through the Dickson County Emergency Communications District. By going to [Nixle.com](https://www.nixle.com), you can register to receive free text messages or emails about weather and other emergencies from the 911 dispatch center based on your zip code.