



SKYWARN



Monitoring Severe Weather In Montague County, Texas

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Commercial Radio – KNTX 1410 AM/104.3 FM is the only commercial radio station in Montague County and is an excellent source for local severe weather information. However, from 6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. the station is operating in an automated mode and live weather updates will not be available. Announcements made via the Emergency Alert System (EAS) (i. e. severe thunderstorm warnings and tornado warnings) will be broadcast regardless of whether the station is operating in live or automated mode.

Commercial Television – There are no commercial television stations located in Montague County. We must therefore rely on television stations in the surrounding area to receive televised severe weather updates. Historically, KFDX (channel 3) and KAUZ (channel 6) in Wichita Falls have provided good coverage of Montague County. KDFW (channel 4), KXAS (channel 5), WFAA (channel 8), KTVT (channel 11), and KXII (channel 12) in the Dallas/Fort Worth area also broadcast severe weather updates for Montague County.

Cable/Satellite/Streaming Television – Unless you have the option to receive local channels on your cable/satellite/streaming television, you probably won't be able to receive local severe weather updates. However, if you can receive local channels, you may be able to receive local severe weather updates via the channels discussed above.

NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio – Montague County is covered by the NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio transmitter located in Muenster, TX. NOAA Weather Radio is an excellent source of severe weather updates. However, the Muenster transmitter's coverage of Montague County is less than ideal. You will need to test your NOAA Weather Radio receiver to confirm that it receives well at your location.

Public Safety Radio – If you have a scanner, monitoring Montague Public Safety channels is a way to hear the reports from storm spotters as they are being called in as well as receiving updates during severe weather. In order to do this, you will need to program your scanner to receive 155.1075 MHz (Montague Regional Channel) and 155.6100 MHz (Fire Tactical Channel).

Amateur Radio – During severe weather outbreaks, local amateur radio repeaters may be utilized to collect spotter reports and relay them to the National Weather Service office in Fort Worth. Monitoring the following frequencies may be helpful:

Bowie (Montague County) 2 Meter Repeater	145.3900 MHz (- offset, 192.8 KHz tone)
Bowie EOC (Montague County) 70 cm Repeater	441.7750 MHz (+ offset, 100.0 KHz tone)
Nocona (Montague County) 2 Meter Repeater	147.3600 MHz (+ offset, 123.0 KHz tone)
Rosston (Cooke County) 2 Meter Repeater	145.4900 MHz (- offset, 85.4 KHz tone)

Social Media – You may also receive severe weather updates by following the Montague Emergency Communications Team's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/MECTSkywarn>

Smart Phone Applications – The FEMA app and the Red Cross Emergency app are excellent sources of emergency information and are available free of charge. They are available for both Apple and Android smart phones.

Automated Telephone Notification – Montague County is participating in a program that will allow you to receive automated emergency announcements (severe weather, wildfire, flooding, etc.) via your telephone. There is no charge for this program. To register, go to: <http://r.i-info.com/rc/ctacs>