



## Coconino County Emergency Management

"A safer future through effective partnerships committed to saving lives, protecting property, reducing the impact of disasters, and providing effective planning for special events."



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### **\*\*\* FEMA To Test Nationwide Emergency Alert System \*\*\***

FLAGSTAFF – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA).

**The tests are scheduled for Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at  
11:20 AM Arizona time (12:20 PM Navajo Nation time).**

According to FEMA, the purpose of the test is “to ensure that the systems continue to be effective means of warning the public about emergencies, particularly those on the national level.” All messaging received by the public during this test will clearly state that the message is a TEST and that no action is needed.

FEMA plans to use the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) to deliver test messaging to wireless devices nationwide.

“While this test will be conducted by FEMA, and not Coconino County Emergency Management, it will use some of the same delivery methods we utilize to disseminate life safety messaging in response to dangerous incidents or significant events. IPAWS is an incredibly powerful tool to alert specific areas in a very short amount of time,” said Tim Carter, Deputy Director of Coconino County Emergency Management.

More information can be found at [www.coconino.az.gov/ready](http://www.coconino.az.gov/ready) or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). If residents have additional questions, or need more information, they can contact Coconino County Emergency Management at 928-679-8311, or by email at [emergencymanagement@coconino.az.gov](mailto:emergencymanagement@coconino.az.gov).

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