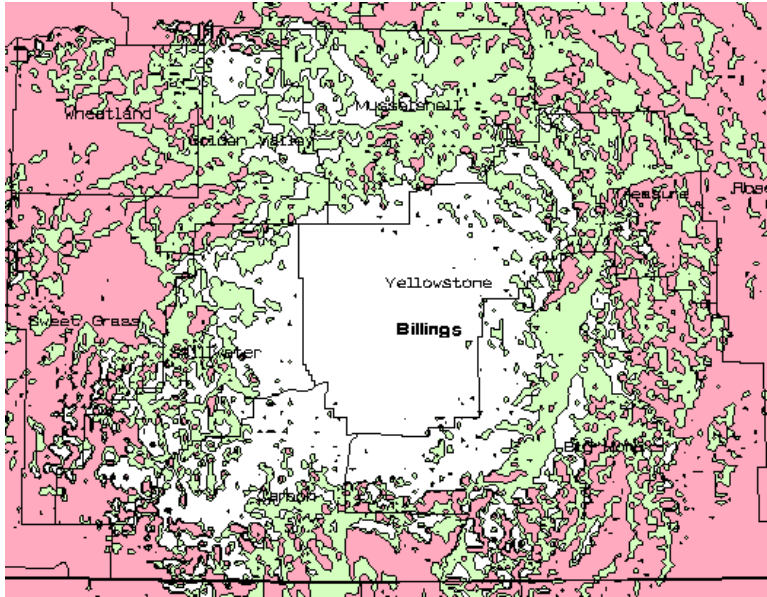


NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards Fact Sheet

Billings, MT



Coverage is approximate and may change with varying atmospheric conditions.

Transmitter Location: Billings, MT

Station ID: WXL-27

Station Frequency: 162.550 MHz

Transmitter Power: 300 Watts

Listening Area Counties: Montana: Big Horn, Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland, Yellowstone

FIPS Codes for the Billings Listening Area:

Big Horn, MT	030003	Stillwater, MT	030095
Carbon, MT	030009	Sweet Grass, MT	030097
Golden Valley, MT	030037	Wheatland, MT	030107
Musselshell, MT	030065	Yellowstone, MT	030111

Who provides this service?

This station is provided by the National Weather Service. Broadcasts originate from the National Weather Service in the Billings.

What are FIPS codes and how are they used?

When emergency messages are broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio, they are accompanied by digital codes for the type of message and counties affected. Some Weather Radios (called "SAME" weather radios) are designed to read these codes, and can be programmed to alert only for specific types of messages and/or particular counties within the listening area. The FIPS codes are used to program the desired counties into these SAME NOAA Weather Radios.

Tone Alert Tests:

Every Wednesday between 11 AM and noon (local time), the National Weather Service office in Billings conducts a tone-alert test. If severe or hazardous weather is ongoing or imminent at that time, the test is postponed until the next available fair weather day. Some radios provide the option of bypassing the routine test. The tone-alert test provides an opportunity to make sure your radios are programmed and working properly. If you choose to bypass the test, make sure to check your radio at least once in the spring and fall.

Helpful Internet Addresses:

National Weather Service, Billings www.weather.gov/Billings
National Weather Radio Page www.weather.gov/nwr