

...National Test of the Emergency Alert System to Take Place on November 9th at 9am HST...

On November 9th at approximately 9am HST, the State of Hawaii will participate in a Nationwide Test of the Emergency Alert System or EAS.

The purpose of the Test is to assess the readiness and effectiveness of the EAS and identify improvements to better serve our communities in the preservation of life and property. Although the EAS is frequently used by the National Weather Service and State and local governments to send weather alerts and other emergencies, there has never been a national activation of the system.

The test will be heard on local and satellite radio and seen on local, cable, and satellite TV for a period of about 30 seconds. However, the test message will not be broadcast over most NOAA Weather Radio stations, as it is intended to test other parts of the communication system.

The NOAA Weather Radio Routine Weekly Test that would normally be held on Wednesday, November 9, will be cancelled in lieu of the national test.

The Test may look like regular, local EAS tests that most people are already familiar with, but there will be some differences in what viewers will see and hear. The audio message will repeat "This is a test." The television, cable or satellite video test message scroll may not indicate "This is a test." The message will last for approximately three minutes and then regular programming will resume.

As Federal, State, and local governments prepare for and test their capabilities, this event serves as a reminder that everyone should establish an emergency preparedness kit and emergency plan for themselves, their families, communities, and businesses.

Please visit FEMA.gov for more information.