How to Opt In to Wireless Emergency Alert Tests

The following are instructions for opting in to receive Wireless Emergency Alert test messages. *Once you opt in to test messages, your phone will continue to receive test messages on a recurring basis when local alerting authorities use the test category to assess local alerting capabilities unless you affirmatively opt out from receiving them.*

For Android Phones

Step-by-Step Instructions

(1) The process for enabling Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) test alerts varies by device. For most Android devices, you can access your device's alerting settings through one of the following options:

- Tap Apps → Emergency Alerts → Menu (three dots in the upper right-hand corner of the screen) → Settings → Alert types.
- Tap Apps → Settings → Apps & Notifications → Advanced → Wireless Emergency Alerts.
- Tap Apps → Settings → Search for "Emergency Alerts" or "Public Safety messages."
- Tap your text messaging app → Menu (three dots in the upper right-hand corner of the screen) → Settings → Advanced → Wireless Emergency Alerts → Menu → Settings.

(2) Turn on "State/Local Test alerts," or a similar setting you may see, by tapping the switch to slide it to the "on" position. If the "State/Local Test alert" is turned on, the circle will be on the right-hand side of the switch. You now will get WEA test alerts on your Android phone and no further action is needed.

You are all set!

Screenshot
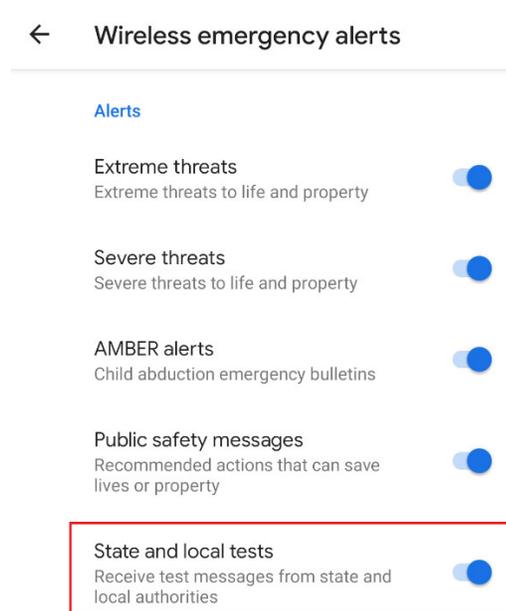
Note:
Instructions may vary depending on your mobile phone carrier and/or mobile phone manufacturer. For additional questions, please refer to their website(s) and follow the specific guidance provided.

For iPhones and Other iOS Devices

Step-by-Step Instructions

Screenshot

To turn it on:

(1) Open the Phone app;

(2) Tap Keypad;

(3) Dial ***5005*25371#**

(4) Tap the call button 📞
>   You'll get an alert that says,
>   "Test Alerts Enabled" as shown
>   in the screenshot to the right.

(5) Tap the word "Dismiss" when
finished.

>   *You are all set!*

To turn it off:

(1) Open the Phone app;

(2) Tap Keypad;

(3) Dial ***5005*25370#**

(4) Tap the call button 📞
>   You'll get an alert that says,
>   "Test alerts disabled" on the screen.

(5) Tap the word "Dismiss" when finished.

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Test alerts enabled

Dismiss
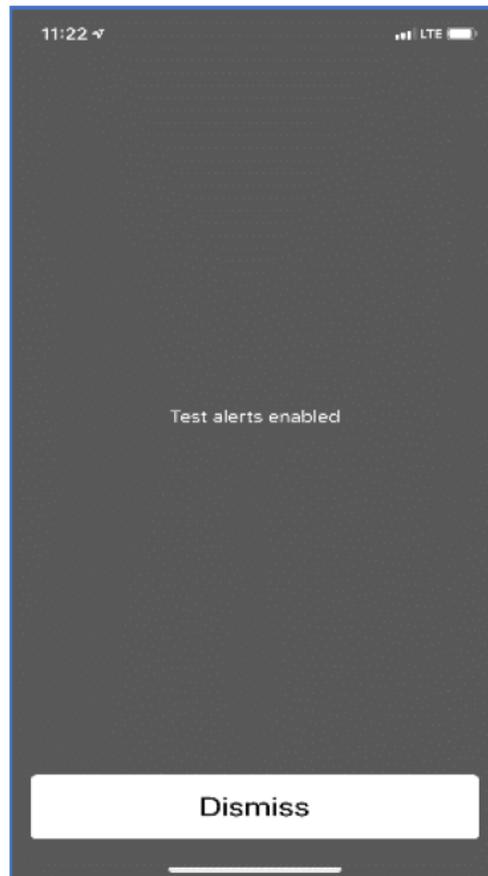
For Other Phones (Not Android Phones or Apple iPhones)

Please contact your wireless service provider and/or mobile phone manufacturer's website for additional information on how to receive WEA test alerts and follow the specific guidance provided.