



What is Delco Alert?

Delco Alert is the designation in Delaware County of the community warning system for Southeastern Pennsylvania also known as ReadyNotifyPA.

ReadyNotifyPA helps local officials in Southeastern Pennsylvania send emergency text alerts and other notifications to you quickly.

How does Delco Alert work?

When you set up your account, you choose the way you want to get alerts. In an emergency, **Delco Alert** will send an e-mail message or text message to your cell phone or other wireless device. Read these messages right away and follow the instructions. More instructions may be sent during the emergency, so keep your device near you.

Who sends the alerts?

Local officials in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties will send the alerts. Alerts may be sent to everyone or groups of individuals, depending upon the alert type.

What is text messaging and how do I sign up for it?

Text messages are short messages sent to your cell phone. Each message contains between 100 and 160 characters, or about 10 words, depending on your carrier. Many carriers turn on the service automatically. Contact your carrier to make sure your text messaging is on.

Will Delco Alert cost me anything?

It is free to sign up for **Delco Alert**, and you can choose the types of alerts you want to get. *Your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to get messages on your cell phone or wireless device.* Contact your carrier to find out how much these messages may cost you with your current plan. You can choose to stop getting messages at any time.

What is a Delco Alert/ReadyNotifyPA account?

Your **Delco Alert/ReadyNotifyPA** account is a record of your contact information, such as your name, cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses where you would like to receive emergency alerts or other messages. You control this information and can change it at any time. Anyone can sign up.



www.co.delaware.pa.us



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DELCO ALERT provides prompt warnings of emergencies with text messages and e-mails to cell phones and other wireless devices.

To sign up, go to the Delaware County Government website at

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Delco Alert—Find Out Fast



- **Emergencies**
- **Severe weather**
- **Threats to Homeland Security**
- **Amber alerts**

When situations arise in Delaware County that may affect you and your family, **Delco Alert** lets local officials notify you quickly. Be among the first to find out and stay informed during an emergency.

Delco Alert can send you an e-mail or send a text message to your cell phone or other wireless device. You let **Delco Alert** know how you'd like to be notified. Alerts are free; however, your cellular provider may charge for text messaging.

Receiving text messages is easy. All subscribers will get emergency alerts. You may also choose to get other alerts, such as severe weather, transportation delays and crime alerts.

You can enroll in any Southeastern Pennsylvania county or counties—Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia—that will send you alerts. Pick the county or counties where you spend most of your time—it can be where you live as well as where you work or go to school.

Instructions To Enroll To Receive Messages From Delco Alert

Delaware County Council offers **Delco Alert**, a community warning system that notifies residents of a major crisis or emergency.

Signing up to receive text messages from **Delco Alert** is easy. Just follow the instructions posted on the registration pages of the Delaware County website.

- Log onto the Delaware County website at www.co.delaware.pa.us.
- Click on the **Delco Alert** icon, the yellow triangle with the exclamation mark.
- Use the **Delco Alert** icon on the intermediate page and then use the **Click Here to Register** button at the bottom of the screen when the next page appears.
- Enter personal information (which will remain confidential within the system).
- Enter e-mail address. If you do not have an e-mail address, the system will provide one to be used specifically for this purpose.
- Enter types of devices to receive messages. Don't forget to select your cell phone carrier.

- Enter and confirm a password. Retain it for future use.
- You will be asked about volunteer status. Enter information if applicable.
- Press the **continue** button and answer questions presented.
- When entry information is completed, you will be asked to select the types of alerts you wish to receive from **Delco Alert**. You can sign up for county alerts, regional, municipal and school districts alerts.
- If you wish to change your information in the future, return to the **Delco Alert** webpage.

You may add as many devices and e-mail addresses as you need. Alerts will be sent to all devices listed in your account.

If you need help to enroll, call Delaware County Emergency Services at **610-565-8700** from 9 AM-4 PM Monday-Friday or e-mail rsanhelp@icdc.com