

Community Alerting Descriptions



**Anderson
County
Sheriff's
Department**



**Colony
Marshal**



**Garnett
Police
Department**

Alerts provide only urgent, safety-critical notifications. These include missing or endangered persons, active shooter or critical incidents, law-enforcement-related evacuation orders, and dangerous suspects at large. Alerts share verified, actionable details—such as descriptions, locations, and safety instructions—only when public awareness can directly support life safety or emergency operations. Routine or non-urgent police activity is not included.



Burn Ban – City of Garnett and Anderson County

Alerts notify residents when outdoor burning is restricted or prohibited due to elevated fire danger. Messages provide brief updates on the issuance, changes, or lifting of burn bans, along with essential fire-safety guidance to help protect people, property, and natural resources during high-risk conditions.



Emergency Management Information

Alerts deliver official, time-critical information about active or developing emergencies in Anderson County. These notifications cover, evacuation or shelter-in-place orders, disaster declarations, supply distribution, shelter locations, recovery updates, and other life-safety guidance before, during, and after disasters. Messages keep residents informed, protected, and connected to coordinated emergency response and recovery efforts.

Everbridge Updates and News

Alerts notify residents about new features, improvements, and added alerting options within Anderson County's Everbridge system. These informational messages highlight newly available alert types, app or delivery enhancements, expanded targeting capabilities, new opt-in groups, and other updates that help users stay informed and make the most of the platform.



Facility Closures – City of Colony, City of Garnett and Anderson County

Alerts provide brief, official notifications when public buildings or services are temporarily closed, restricted, or reopened. Messages outline which facilities are affected, the reason for the disruption, expected duration, and any alternate service options available during the closure.



Information - City of Colony, City of Garnett and Anderson County

Alerts provide residents with brief, official updates about changes operations and county government services. Messages may include adjusted office hours, holiday closures, service interruptions, hearing notices, registration reminders, filing deadlines, office relocations, and reopening information—helping residents stay informed about access to local government services.



Public Health Alerts

Alerts provide timely notifications about health and safety concerns affecting the community. These messages may cover disease outbreaks, boil-water advisories, air-quality issues, extreme heat or cold, contamination notices, vaccination clinics, and other guidance from local health officials to help protect community well-being.

Road Closures – City of Garnett and Anderson County

Alerts provide quick updates about closures, detours, and travel disruptions on county roadways. Messages note which roads are affected, the cause of the closure, expected duration, and any available detour guidance to help motorists avoid impacted areas and travel safely.

USD 365

School & Education Alerts provide timely updates about changes or disruptions to local school operations. Messages may include weather-related closures or schedule changes, emergency situations, transportation impacts, facility issues, and other important announcements from participating school districts to keep students, families, and staff informed and safe.



Utilities – City of Garnett and Anderson County

Alerts provide notifications about service interruptions and emergencies affecting local utilities. Messages may include power outages, water main breaks, gas leaks, boil-water advisories, phone service disruptions, conservation notices, trash delays, and other important updates. Alerts are issued both for City of Garnett utilities and for utility providers serving residents outside the city.



Weather Alerts

These are sent directly from the National Weather Service and provide immediate updates on hazardous conditions. Residents are encouraged to enable all weather categories to ensure they receive complete and timely notifications.

Quick Reference

- Watch: Conditions are favorable — be prepared
- Warning: Dangerous weather is occurring or imminent — take action
- Advisory: Conditions may cause inconvenience or minor hazards — use caution



Please keep in mind that the information pushed out is only as good as the information we receive from our partnering agencies.