

Connect-CTY™

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Connect-CTY* service?

The **Connect-CTY** service allows authorized government leaders to create and rapidly disseminate time-sensitive messages to every telephone number stored in the notification database. With the **Connect-CTY** service, authorized users can send thousands of messages in minutes. Only authorized officials are allowed access to the system.

How does the service work?

Authorized officials record a voice message that is then delivered quickly to individuals in the notification database.

What types of messages will be sent using the service?

Any message regarding the public health, safety or welfare of our community would be disseminated using the **Connect-CTY** service.

Examples would include severe weather warnings and updates, Amber alerts/missing persons, hazardous materials incidents, emergency evacuations and any other situation that could impact the public health, safety, or welfare of our citizens.

Does the *Connect-CTY* service replace other systems that have been used to provide time-sensitive information to residents?

This system is a significant enhancement to existing means of communication and is supplemental to, not a replacement for, the Emergency Outdoor Warning System used currently.

Is my telephone number included in the notification database?

It is our intention and hope that every residence and commercial facility in our community be included in the notification database. Initially, the database will include the published (White and Yellow pages) phone number for all residences and businesses in Burleson. For businesses, we only store one main phone number. For residents, we may have more than one number that belongs to you in the database. Additionally, you may request to have a secondary number be entered into our database for priority calling.

How do I add additional phone numbers, e-mail addresses or text information?

You can go to the City of Burleson web site at www.burlesontx.com and enter your information by clicking on the **Connect-CTY** icon.

May I use a cell phone as my notification database listing?

Yes, we can accept cell phones as secondary phone numbers in the database and encourage you to request that your number be included.

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What precautions are being taken to protect personal information?

Connect-CTY™ is a service of The NTI Group, Inc. (NTI). NTI takes security and privacy concerns very seriously and does not sell, trade, lease or loan any data about our clients to any third party. From a technical perspective, we utilize multiple physical and virtual layers of firewalls to maintain data security. NTI only utilizes secure transmissions with its customers. No confidential information is ever transmitted between NTI and its customers using e-mail or FTP, but rather always utilizes either a VPN tunnel or SSL. Data is hosted in state-of-the-art facilities which require photo identification, thumb-print recognition, keyed access, and are manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week with full-security personnel. All data is encrypted prior to being placed on tape for offsite storage. NTI also retains an external, independent security firm to perform annual security audits.

Will there be a way to positively identify incoming calls which are made by the City using the system?

The caller-ID number for calls generated by the **Connect-CTY** service will be the same as the City Hall number: 817-447-5400 or 817-426-9600. In addition, every message will have the standard announcement: which will include the name, title and that they are from the City of Burleson. The message content will follow with this standard introduction.

Will the **Connect-CTY service work if I have a call screening system on my phone?**

There are several varieties of call screening devices which use differing protocols for screening. In general, the system has been found to work with these devices; but, some may require some type of pre-programming to allow our City's telephone number to pass through.

If I am a non-resident but own residential or business property in Burleson, how can I be notified of an emergency in the City of Burleson?

For property owners who reside out of our city, you may provide an additional phone number to be included in our database to contact during certain situations. In general, calls are sent to the primary number only, but we also have the ability to call multiple numbers for each resident or business when requested by the resident or business. Please go to the City of Burleson web site www.burlesontx.com and add the additional number(s).

If I have provided more than one phone number, when will they be called?

Should a situation arise that requires us to contact you at multiple phone numbers, we can activate the system to place a simultaneous call to all of your numbers.

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My primary phone or my second listing is a cell phone with a non-local area code. Will the *Connect-CTY* service call numbers outside the area?

Yes. The area code does not impact whether or not a call is made.

I am receiving city notification calls at my fax or my secondary phone line. Can I switch to have the system call my primary phone number?

Yes. Please contact us at 817-426-9670 to change the phone number in our notification database.

I was not able to listen to the entire call. Is there a way to repeat the message?

Yes, at the end of the message playback, simply press the star (*) key on your telephone to have it repeated in its entirety.

I answer the phone but the “Introduction” message repeats. It then hangs up, calls back, and the same thing happens again. How can I hear the entire message?

Repeating or looping of messages happens when the system detects excessive noise in the background. This can be caused by loud radio/TV volumes, people talking, or busy traffic noise. When you receive the next call, say “hello” once and turn down the volume of your radio/television or press the mute button on your telephone to allow full message delivery.