

NOAA Alerts

Blizzard Warning: Winds greater than 35 mph, mixed with falling or blowing snow is forecast.

Blizzard Watch: Winds greater than 35 mph, mixed with falling or blowing snow is possible.

Civil Danger Warning: Issued by authorized public officials in the [United States](#) and is relayed by the [National Weather Service](#) for an event that presents a danger to a significant civilian population.

Dust Storm Warning: A storm of dust and debris which may be up to miles long and several thousand feet high is expected.

Excessive Heat Warning: There is an expected heat index of at least 105°F.

Excessive Heat Watch: The heat index may be greater than 105°F.

Extreme Cold Warning: Temperatures are expected to be between 25 below and 39 below 0 with at least 5 mph winds.

Extreme Cold Watch: Dangerously low temperatures and wind chills are possible.

Extreme Wind Warning: Winds are expected in excess of 100 knots (115 mph) to a specific location.

Fire Warning: Major, uncontrolled fires have been reported in the area.

Fire Weather Watch: Critical fire conditions are forecast to occur.

Flash Flood Warning: A sudden, violent flood is imminent or occurring in the area.

Flash Flood Watch: Conditions are favorable for flash flooding in flood-prone areas.

Flood Warning: Flooding over a large area or river flooding is imminent or occurring.

Flood Watch: Conditions are favorable for very heavy rain that could cause flooding or flash flooding.

Freeze Warning: Below freezing temperatures are expected and may cause significant damage to plants and crops.

Freeze Watch: Widespread temperatures at or below 32°F are expected.

Hard Freeze Warning: Temperatures at or below 28 °F are expected. A hard freeze may occur with or without frost.

Hard Freeze Watch: Surface temperatures are expected to drop below freezing over an extended period of time.

Hazardous Materials Warning: Hazardous materials have been exposed in the area.

Heavy Snow Warning: A high rate of snowfall is occurring or has been forecast.

High Wind Warning: Sustained surface winds greater than 40 mph are expected.

High Wind Watch: Strong and potentially dangerous winds are possible.

Ice Storm Warning: Freezing rain producing a significant and possibly damaging accumulation of ice is expected.

Law Enforcement Warning: Law enforcement has issued a warning of danger in the area.

Red Flag Warning: Conditions are ideal for wildland fire ignition, and rapid propagation.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: A strong thunderstorm is producing dangerous hail, high winds and causing significant damage.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Strong thunderstorms with the chance of producing a tornado are possible.

Sleet Warning: Ice accumulations of 1" or greater are expected.

Storm Warning: Winds between 55 mph and 73 mph are occurring or are predicted to occur soon.

Storm Watch: There is the potential for a dangerous storm with strong damaging winds.

Tornado Watch: Current conditions have created a significant risk of a tornado occurring.

Wind Chill Warning: The wind chill is dangerously low and potentially life threatening.

Winter Storm Warning: 4-7 inches or more of snow or a large accumulation of ice is forecast.

Winter Storm Watch: There is a potential for heavy snow or significant ice accumulations.