

Hello all,

On March 4, the NWS will implement updated names for its heat-related watch and warning products as part of the ongoing [Hazard Simplification project](#) (Haz Simp). This initiative is aimed at improving public understanding and utility of weather alerts by making them clearer and more intuitive. These changes are based on extensive public feedback, partner engagement, surveys, and social science research.

What's Changing?

- **Excessive Heat Warning (EH.W) will change to Extreme Heat Warning (XH.W)**
- **Excessive Heat Watch (EH.A) will change to Extreme Heat Watch (XH.A)**

No changes are being made to Heat Advisories.

No changes are being made to local criteria for heat advisories, heat watches or heat warnings.

Resources Available

To help partners and the public prepare for these changes, NWS has several resources available:

- [Service Change Notice 24-88](#)
- NEW [Heat Haz Simp Fact Sheet](#)
- [Extreme Heat Watch/Warning graphic](#)

For more information, visit the [NWS Public Program Google Site - Extreme Heat Page](#).

Please email public.program@noaa.gov with any questions.