

NWS Hazards





Severe T-storm Watch

Increasing chance of severe storms developing

Severe T-storm Warning

Storm has hail ≥ 1" and/or wind ≥ 58 mph

Tornado Watch

Increasing chance of tornadic storms developing

Tornado Warning

Developing or confirmed tornado



Flood Watch

Flooding expected in the next 36-48 hrs.

Flood Advisory

Minor flooding ex. Ditches running full, < 3' of water on roads, water in vards

Areal Flood Warning

Slow to evolve flooding or ongoing flooding after flash flooding

Flash Flood Warning

Rapid rise of water. 6" or more of flowing water or a dam break.



Winter Storm Watch 50% onfidence

50% confidence of a warning in 12-48 hrs.

Winter Storm Warning

5" or more in in an event

Winter Weather Advisory

1-4" in an event or any ice

Ice Storm Warning

1/4 inch or more of ice

Blizzard Warning

Wind ≥ 35 mph or visibility ≤ 1/4 mile

Wind Chill Warning

-25° wind chill or colder



Excessive Heat Watch

50% confidence of needing a warning in 12-48 hrs.

Wind Advisory

31-39 mph for 1 hr. or frequent gusts of ≥ 45 mph

Heat Advisory

≥ 105° heat index for at least 2 hrs.

Dense Fog Advisory

Visibility ≤ 1/4 mile

High Wind Warning

Winds ≥ 40 mph for 1 hr. or frequent gusts ≥ 58 mph

Excessive Heat Warning

Heat index ≥ 110° and overnight lows ≥ 75°



Fire Weather Watch

High likelihood of meeting Red Flag Criteria in 12-72 hr.

Red Flag Warning

Relative humidity ≤ 25% 10 hour fuels ≤ 9% 20 foot winds ≥ 20 mph

Fire Weather Special Weather Statement

High likelihood of enhanced fire weather conditions just below Red Flag criteria