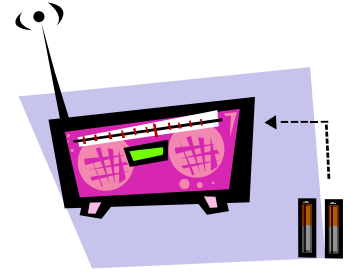


NOAA Weather Radio

NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Working with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Emergency Alert System, NWR is an "All Hazards" radio network, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information. In conjunction with Federal, State, and Local Emergency Managers and other public officials, NWR also broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards – including natural (such as earthquakes or avalanches), environmental (such as chemical releases or oil spills), and public safety (such as AMBER alerts or 911 Telephone outages).

Alert Signals

The alert signal from a NOAA Weather Radio acts as an alarm to make you aware of severe weather and is followed by the advisory. Here's what to listen for:



A **Warning** is issued when the specific hazard is a significant threat to public safety and/or property, probability of occurrence and certainty of location is high, and the onset time is relatively short.

A **Watch** means conditions are favorable for the hazard but either the start time, probability of occurrence or location is uncertain. Stay alert and tuned to local radio, TV, or NWR.

An **Emergency** refers to an event that by itself would not kill, injure or do property damage but indirectly may lead to other things that could result in a hazard.

Where to Purchase a Radio

Every home should have a NOAA Weather Radio, just as all homes should have one or more smoke detectors. NOAA Weather Radios also come in a variety of sizes and that are portable which are perfect for the summer cabin or boat. The radios cost between \$30 to \$70 at most stores that sell electronic devices.

Receivers can be found at many retail outlets, including electronics, department, sporting goods, and boat and marine accessory stores and their catalogs. They can also be purchased via the Internet from online retailers or directly from manufacturers. When purchasing a NOAA Weather Radio, make sure it has seven channels, a warning alert feature and battery backup. Special models and attachments can also be purchased for the hearing and visually impaired.

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