



# NOAA Weather Radios

*A lifesaver for less than the cost of a pair of shoes.*

### Where can I purchase a weather radio?

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio Receivers can be purchased at many radio electronic retailers and on the Internet. Prices of weather radios range from \$20 to more than \$200.

### How do they work?

NOAA/NWS (National Weather Service) broadcasts conditions 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. They behave similar to smoke detectors—silently monitoring and then alerting you with initial warning messages, so you will have more time to respond.

### Alerts/Notifications:

- High Wind Warning
- Marine Storm Warning
- Flood Warning
- Flash Flood Watch & Warning
- Tidal Flood Warning
- Winter Storm Warning
- Blizzard Warning
- Severe Thunderstorm Watch & Warning
- Tornado Watch & Warning
- Tsunami Watch & Warning
- Volcanic Activity including Lahars
- Enemy Attack
- Nuclear Accident
- AMBER Child Abduction Alerts
- Dam Failures
- Secondary Hazards From Terrorism or Earthquakes
- Other Hazardous Events including Chemical Releases



## ADVISORIES, WATCHES, WARNINGS

The NWS issues flood and weather advisories, watches, and warnings, in the effort to help protect lives and property.

- Advisory - Less serious conditions that can cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.
- Watch - The risk of hazardous flood or weather conditions have increased, but its occurrence, location, and/or timing is uncertain. It is usually issued 12- to 36-hours prior to the potential event. A *Watch* is intended to provide enough lead time so those who need to do so, can set emergency plans in motion.
- Warning - When hazardous flood or weather conditions are occurring, are imminent, or have a very high probability of occurrence. A *Warning* is typically issued within 12-hours of a life or property-threatening event.