

# ARE YOUR EMERGENCY ALERTS TURNED ON?



## Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs)

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) are short emergency messages from authorized federal, state, local, tribal and territorial public alerting authorities that can be broadcast from cell towers to any WEA-enabled mobile device in a locally targeted area. WEAs can be sent by state and local public safety officials, the National Weather Service, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the President of the United States.

- WEAs look like text messages but are designed to get your attention with a unique sound and vibration repeated twice.
- WEAs are no more than 360 characters and include the type and time of the alert, any action you should take and the agency issuing the alert.
- WEAs are not affected by network congestion and will not disrupt texts, calls or data sessions that are in progress.
- You are not charged for receiving WEAs and there is no need to subscribe.
- Older phones may not be WEA capable, and some cell phone models require you to enable WEAs.
- Some mobile service providers call these messages “Government Alerts,” or “Emergency Alert Messages.”

## NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations that broadcast continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office based on your physical location.

NWR broadcasts official warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

NWR also broadcasts alerts of non-weather emergencies such as national security or public safety threats through the Emergency Alert System.

## HOW TO TURN ON GOVERNMENT ALERTS

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### Android

1. On your Android device, open Settings .
  2. Tap Notifications. Wireless emergency alerts.
  3. Select the alerts you want to receive.
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### iPhone

1. Go to Settings > Notifications.
  2. Scroll to the bottom of the screen.
  3. Under Government Alerts, turn the type of alert on or off.
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### FEMA Mobile App

The FEMA App allows you to receive real-time weather and emergency alerts, send notifications to loved ones, locate emergency shelters in your area, get preparedness strategies and more.

- Receive real-time weather and emergency alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide.
- Find a nearby shelter if you need to evacuate to a safe space.
- Find out if your location is eligible for FEMA assistance, find Disaster Recovery Center locations, and get answers to your most pressing questions.