

How To Set Up Emergency Weather Alerts

We got hammered last year with hurricanes and snowstorms that increased dramatically in severity over a few hours. During these storms, a lot of people were stranded without power, on the highways or away from home because they weren't aware of the changing reports. Today I have a real easy tip for you so that you don't get caught with your pants down on a bad weather forecast.


Where To Go

One of my favorite weather sites, Weather.com, has a great FREE service that they offer where you can get emergency weather alerts via email and text message. Check out this link and follow the steps below:

The Weather Channel Alerts


Step #1 – Pick Your Reports

The interface to the website is very simple. You can pick from a bunch of different alerts and then enter your zip code. The interface, with the alerts I've picked, is shown below:

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Forgot password?

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Email alerts are free. Although The Weather Channel does not charge for text message alerts, message and data rates may apply from your mobile phone company. Signing up for The Weather Channel Alerts is easy. Follow the steps below to get the alerts you need, when and where you need them. 

Alerts Selection

Check all the alerts that interest you. Mouse over any alert title for details.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Weather Alerts more	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rain Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Conditions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snow Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily Forecast	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Icy Precipitation Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Activity Forecast	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extreme Cold Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/> School Day Forecast	<input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Heat Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/> Beauty Forecast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pollen Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' Forecast	<input type="checkbox"/> Surf & Sea Conditions

Location

For what location do you want to get alerts?

Enter US City or ZIP

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Once you're done, click 'Start' and you'll be directed to the next step.

Step #2 – Where To Send The Emergency Weather Alerts

The next page is pretty self-explanatory. You need to enter in a valid email address and create a password. Remember that this password is not the one for your email address. It is a password to access this site so you can make changes as necessary.

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▶ E-mail and Password

E-mail and password information are required to establish your account. You may elect not to receive e-mails on the next screen.

Enter a valid e-mail address

Password

Confirm Password

▶ Wireless Text Delivery Address (optional)

Text message weather alerts will come from short code 78676. The number of alerts received will vary by alert type, and also depends on the settings you choose and the weather conditions in your area. For help, text **HELP** to 78676, go to [weather.com/TWCAAlerts/FAQ](#), or email spt@weather.com. To **STOP** receiving text alerts, text **STOP** to 78676.

Enter a mobile number

[Mobile Terms and Conditions](#)

By clicking on Continue, you agree to these Terms and Conditions.

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Once you've identified how you want to be contacted, you have to enter your date of birth and whether or not Weather.com can contact you regarding special offers and the like. I **strongly suggest** you make sure the box highlighted in red below is unchecked. It will keep a bunch of spam out of your inbox.

▶ Age Verification

Year of Birth

1901 Required to sign up [Why do we ask?](#)

Yes, I want weather.com and its affiliates to send me special offers about their products and services and weather.com to send me special offers from its third party sponsors.

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That's It!

So that's it. Weather.com makes it very easy to get warnings for severe weather. The best part about the whole thing is that it's entirely free (with the exception of your plan's text message charges). Like most common-sense preps, it's a very simple process to make sure that you're covered next time Mother Nature decides to change her mind in the blink of an eye.

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