

# Stay Informed with All Hazards NOAA Weather Radio

## The “Smoke Alarm” for Severe Weather

- NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) is a public warning system that broadcasts forecasts, warnings, and emergency information 24 hours a day.
- Radio receivers can quietly monitor these broadcasts and will alert when important (life threatening) messages are issued for your area.
- “All Hazards” messages include:
  - ▶ Natural disasters (e.g., tornado, floods, blizzards)
  - ▶ Accidents (e.g., chemical release, train derailments, nuclear power emergencies)
  - ▶ Terrorist attacks
- **Please ensure they are used.** During an emergency, seconds count! These radios are a valuable alerting device, easy to use, and can also be used to check on every-day weather, including wind chill information during the winter.
- Place your radio in areas that are constantly monitored (e.g., school office, principal’s office). Remember those occasions when the school is used for activities outside normal hours and make sure the radio can be monitored during those times.
- The radios are tested weekly. Make sure yours works!
- If you have any questions about weather radios, contact your local National Weather Service office.



### Related Web Sites

NOAA Weather Radio Home Page.....	<a href="http://www.weather.gov/nwr">www.weather.gov/nwr</a>
NWS All Hazards Web Page.....	<a href="http://www.weather.gov/nwr/allhazard.htm">www.weather.gov/nwr/allhazard.htm</a>
NWR Coverage in Wisconsin.....	<a href="http://www.weather.gov/nwr/Maps/PHP/wisconsin.php">www.weather.gov/nwr/Maps/PHP/wisconsin.php</a>

## Wireless Emergency Alerts

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) are weather and non-weather messages sent directly to cell phones in areas affected by an emergency. These short messages may look like text messages, but unlike texts which are sent directly to your phone number, they are broadcast to all phones within range of cell towers in the alerted area. The alerts will tell you the type of warning, the affected area and the duration of the event. Weather alerts sent as WEAs in Wisconsin include Tornado Warnings and Flash Flood Warnings.

For more information on WEAs and a list of participating carriers, visit FEMA's Commercial Mobile Alert System web site: <http://fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/emas.shtm>