



Severe Weather Terminology

WEATHER WATCH

Provide advance notice of the existence of a potential for weather conditions of such intensity as to pose a hazard to life or property for which the agency should consider taking protective measures

Pay close attention to the weather and be ready to take action if a warning is issued

WEATHER WARNING

A special notice to notify installation personnel when an established weather condition of such intensity as to pose a hazard to life or property is occurring or is expected to occur

Do not delay! Take action NOW!

Have a plan before severe weather affects you!



Fort Hood Weather Watches/Warnings/Advisories

Where can I view current weather watches, warnings, and advisories for Fort Hood?

[Click here to view current Fort Hood Weather, Watches, Warnings, and Advisories](#)



National Weather Service Terminology

Severe Weather Terminology

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FORECAST

Severe storms are possible. Typically, not everyone will see severe weather at their specific location every time it is advertised.

Check often for forecast updates so you know what to expect.

WATCH

Conditions are favorable for severe weather. Storms will develop soon or are already developing.

Pay close attention to the weather and be ready to take action if a warning is issued!

WARNING

Severe weather is occurring or is imminent at your location.

Do not delay! Take action NOW!

Do you have multiple ways of getting warnings?

What happens if you lose your internet connection or cell phone service?

Have a plan before severe weather affects you!



National Weather Service Warnings

Have Multiple Ways to Receive Warnings

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Stay weather aware!

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SEVERE



There are a several ways you can receive weather warnings... here are 6 ways!

Not every method is perfect, which is why we recommend having multiple ways to receive your warnings!

**Make your plan NOW,
not when a warning is issued!**

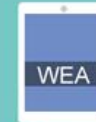
6 WAYS to receive a warning



NOAA Weather Radio



Local TV and Radio



Wireless Emergency Alerts & Weather Apps



Outdoor Sirens



Internet Sites



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National Weather Service Flooding Terminology

Flooding Terminology



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WATCH

BE PREPARED!

Flood Watch

- ✓ Issued when conditions are favorable for flooding.
- ✓ It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible.

The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states and is valid for several hours or even days.

Actions:

- ✓ Pay close attention to the weather!

ADVISORY

BE AWARE!

Flood Advisory:

- ✓ Issued when flooding is not expected to be significant enough to issue a warning.
- ✓ Issued for minor flooding that may be a nuisance (i.e. street flooding, overflowing small creeks and streams).

Situations may arise that threaten life and/or property if caution is not exercised.

Actions:

- ✓ Pay close attention to the weather!

WARNING

TAKE ACTION!

Flash Flood Warning:

- ✓ Issued when significant flooding with a threat to life or property is imminent or occurring.
- ✓ Rapid rise of water during or after a heavy rain.

Flood Warning: (2 uses)

- ✓ Widespread flooding continues after heavy rain has ended.
- ✓ River levels are forecast to exceed Minor Flood Stage at official river gage locations.

Actions:

- ✓ Take Action NOW!

EMERGENCY

In exceedingly rare situations...

“FLASH FLOOD EMERGENCY” terminology is used when:

- ✓ Severe threat to human life and catastrophic damage due to flooding.
- ✓ Need to quickly evacuate people due to a rapid rise in water in a creek or stream.
- ✓ Multiple water rescues in response to flooding of exceptional magnitude.
- ✓ Total failure of a major, high hazard dam.

Actions:

- ✓ Take Action NOW!



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