

NWS REM Updates: November 5, 2021

Flood Watch & Advisory Products Consolidation: Starting Monday, November 8th, Flood-related Watches and Flood Advisory products will be consolidated under fewer headlines. A partner email will be sent on Monday that explains the changes in further detail.

This consolidation change DOES NOT affect Flash Flood Warnings, the criteria and/or method for how and when we issue Flash Flood/Flood-related products (Watches, Warnings and Advisories), WEA Alerts, or our reporting criteria. This change affects the text product format only.

2022 SKYWARN Season: Scheduling with our county-level partners begins this month and continues through December. The class schedule will be posted online near the end of December. At this time, we are preparing for both a virtual and in-person option, but in-person is still not a guarantee.

NWSChat Transition: NWSChat will be transitioned to a more stable platform on November 30th. This change should be transparent, but will likely require you to log out or restart NWSChat. All platforms that utilize NWSChat (NWSChat Live, Pidgin, BoogieChat, etc) will still work and should look the same. However, the NWSChat Live webpage will have a slightly different look to the maps, radar and satellite. Please note: it's possible you might lose your chatroom bookmarks and chat history when the transition occurs. When you first log in after the transition and enter our chat room(s), the main chat window history may be blank, but to ensure your connection I would monitor the number of people in the chat room. If you see NWS personnel logged into the chat room, you are likely connected.

Email List Updates: Our partner email list (for the weather briefing emails) has over 1700 email addresses on it. We know all of them aren't valid, and we decided to try and clean-up the list. Because of how the list is maintained, we don't get bounce backs to know when an email address is no longer valid. If myself or one of my colleagues emails you about verifying and updating certain email addresses for your jurisdiction, we'd appreciate if you can take less than 5 minutes to look it over for us.