

Outlook, Watch, Warning, Advisory

A **Winter Storm OUTLOOK** means winter storm conditions are possible in the next two to five days. Stay tuned to local media for updates.

A **Winter Storm WATCH** means winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. People in a watch area should review their winter storm plans (Family Disaster Plan, Disaster Supplies Kit) and keep informed about weather conditions.

A **Winter Storm WARNING** means life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in a warning area should take precautions **immediately**.

A **Blizzard WARNING** means sustained winds or frequent gusts of 35 miles (56 kilometers) per hour or greater and considerable falling or blowing snow that reduces visibility to less than a quarter mile (0.4 kilometer) are expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer. People in a warning area should take precautions **immediately**.

A **Winter Weather ADVISORY** means winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. If you are cautious, these situations should not be life threatening.

Outlooks, watches, warnings, and advisories are issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) and broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio and on local radio and television stations

Is your community StormReady? To help people prepare for the ravages of hazardous weather, the National Weather Service has designed StormReady, a program aimed at arming America's communities with the communication and safety skills necessary to save lives and property. More information is available at www.stormready.noaa.gov/.

Carbon Monoxide Alarm

Every home should have properly installed and maintained carbon monoxide (CO) alarms that meet current safety standards. (See Appendix: Carbon Monoxide Alarms.) CO alarms can help detect CO, a colorless, odorless gas produced by burning any fuel. Exposure to high levels of CO can cause death. The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu and include dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea, and irregular breathing.