



Weather Notifications



Watch:

A type of alert issued by Environment Canada's Meteorological Service (MSC), where conditions are favourable for the development of weather or an environmental hazard that poses a significant threat to public safety and property, but the occurrence, location, and/or timing of the expected hazardous condition(s) is still too uncertain to issue a warning. It is intended to heighten public awareness of the potential impact of the event, and serves as a lead-up to a warning.

Warning:

A type of alert issued by Environment Canada's Meteorological Service (MSC), where a hazardous weather or environmental event that poses a significant threat to public safety and property is certain or imminent.

Alert:

A transmitted signal that is used to heighten awareness and/or initiate preparation for action. Alerts are issued by Environment Canada's Meteorological Service (MSC) for weather or environmental hazard events that are either occurring, imminent, or forecast to develop. Alerts are currently issued as special weather statements, advisories, watches and warnings.

Advisory:

A type of alert from Environment Canada's Meteorological Service (MSC), where a certain weather or environmental hazard (for example air quality, humidex, and tsunami) is either occurring, imminent or is expected to occur.

Special Weather Statement:

A special weather statement can be used to describe any hazard (unlike an advisory). The statements do not have a formal "in effect" status, since there is no requirement to update or end them.