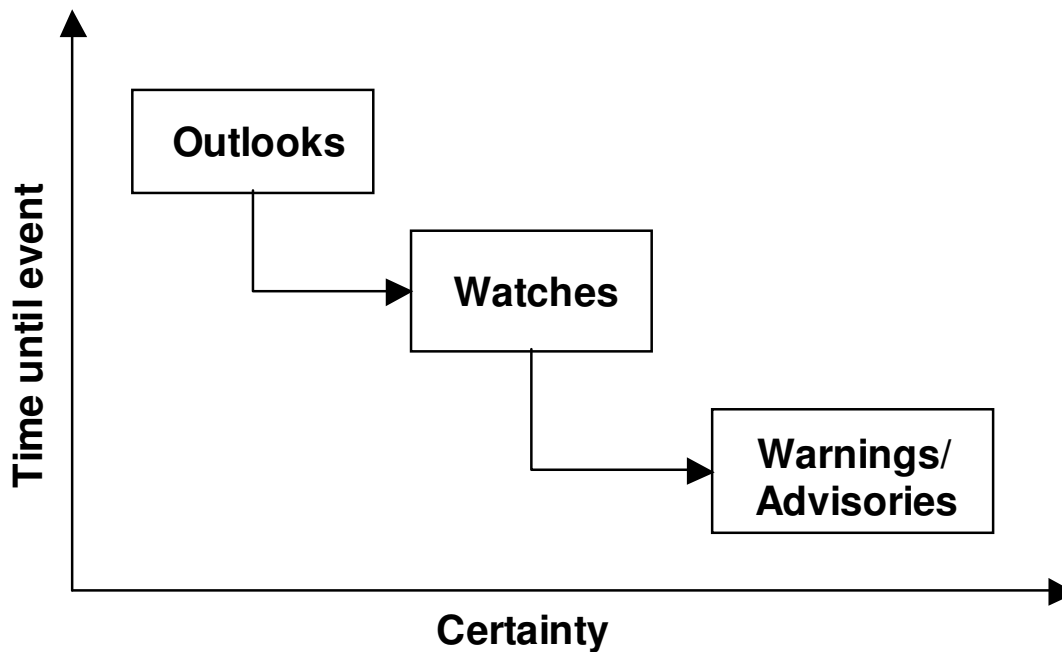


FLOOD WATCHES AND WARNINGS

What does the National Weather Service terminology mean?



Outlook: Indicates that a hazardous weather or flood event may develop.

Flood Watch: There is a potential for flooding of rivers and streams based on current forecasts and/or rainfall amounts.

What to do:

- Monitor media sources for updated information or warnings.
- Be prepared to take action if flooding develops or a warning is issued.
- Begin moving valuable items to higher ground.
- Assemble emergency supplies.
- Monitor weather and river conditions.

Flash Flood Watch: Conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding, with rapidly rising water in streams, urban areas, and/or other drainage areas.

What to do:

- **Be alert** -- Watch for heavy rainfall or rising stream levels.
- Monitor media sources for updated information or warnings.
- Prepare to take immediate action if flooding occurs or a warning is issued.
- Begin moving valuable items to higher ground.
- Assemble emergency supplies.

Flood Warning: Flooding of rivers or streams is occurring or imminent.

What to do:

- Know where you are relative to rivers and streams.
- If flooding is observed, act quickly to escape flood waters.
- Stay tuned to television, radio, or internet sources for further information.
- **Evacuate if told to do so!** Failure to heed evacuation orders could cost you your life.

Flash Flood Warning: Life-threatening flash flooding is occurring or imminent. Those in the warning area should leave low-lying or flood-prone areas.

What to do:

- **Seek higher ground immediately!** Seconds could be the difference between life and death.
- **Do not drive through water.** If your car stalls in rising water, abandon it and climb to higher ground.

Urban and Small Stream Flood Advisory: Minor flooding is anticipated or occurring. Advisories are issued for less serious flood events that can cause significant inconvenience and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to situations that threaten life and/or property. Flooding may impact roads, underpasses, or other low-lying areas.

What to do:

- Monitor local conditions.
- If driving, be alert for standing water in low-lying areas. **Do not drive through flooded areas!**
- Prepare to take action if serious conditions develop or a warning is issued.

Flood or Flash Flood Statement: A statement may be issued to provide updates to flood watches and warnings. It may provide updated information, a reduction in the area covered, or termination of a watch or warning.