



Alerts & Warnings

Thurston County and the cities of Olympia, Yelm, Lacey, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater and the Town of Bucoda, in an effort to keep our citizens safe and apprised of hazardous conditions in the area, use several types of alerts to warn the public of potential hazards within the county.

Our system is intended to be used for emergency alerts and non-emergency incidents that may have significant impacts to residents. The alerts could be related to specific hazards that require action to be taken, or non-emergency events such as transportation issues or police or fire activity.

In addition to receiving information on your wireless device, you may also receive notification on your landline telephone, or TV and radio depending on the type of incident or event.

Public Alerts

Outbound phone calls, emails, text messages and even social media posts can be sent to targeted geographic locations. These local notifications are used for a wide range of local alerts such as:

- Burn Bans
- Evacuation Notices
- AMBER Alerts
- Local Area Emergencies
- Weather Related Hazards

Public Opt-in Alerts

Citizens can request to receive certain types of notifications based on where they live or what types of information they are interested in. Currently subscribers can opt-in to river notifications as well as local alerts from public safety agencies warning of life threatening events and emergencies.

Opt in to receive alerts at
www.co.thurston.wa.us/em/alerts



Emergency Alert System (EAS)

The Emergency Alert System is a national public warning system that utilizes radio and television broadcasting to deliver important emergency information such as AMBER alerts or weather information targeted to specific areas. Alerts begin with loud beeps followed by specific information about the emergency.

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)

WEA are text alerts that can be received on most smart phones and are relevant to your current location, not your home or address associated with your phone. WEA messages are very short and typically alert for extreme weather, area hazards, AMBER Alerts or Presidential alerts of national emergency.

NOAA Weather Radio

Receive up-to-the-minute advisories from the National Weather Service on your weather radio.

Configure your NOAA weather radio:
Frequency: 162.475 MHz
Channel 4
Thurston County SAME Code: 053067