Using Your Radio

NWS Alert Descriptions

Event Code	Level	Default
Administrative message	Advisory	Off
Avalanche Watch	Watch	On
Avalanche Warning	Warning	On
Biological Hazard Warning	Warning	On*
Boil Water Warning	Warning	On
Blizzard Warning	Warning	On
Child Abduction Emergency	Advisory	On
Civil Danger Warning	Warning	On*
Civil Emergency Message	Warning	On*
Coastal Flood Watch	Watch	On
Coastal Flood Warning	Warning	On
Chemical Hazard Warning	Warning	On*
Contaminated Water Warning	Warning	On*
Dam Watch	Watch	On
Dam Break Warning	Warning	On*
Contagious Disease Warning	Warning	On*
Practice/Demo	Advisory	Off
Dust Storm Warning	Warning	On
Emergency Action Notification	Warning	On*
Emergency Action Termination	Advisory	On*
Earthquake Warning	Warning	On*
Immediate Evacuation	Warning	On*
Evacuation Watch	Watch	On
Food Contamination Warning	Warning	On*
Flash Flood Watch	Watch	On
Flash Flood Statement	Advisory	On
Flash Flood Warning	Warning	On
Flood Watch	Watch	On
Flood Statement	Advisory	On
Flood Warning	Warning	On
Fire Warning	Warning	On
Flash Freeze Warning	Warning	On
Freeze Warning	Warning	On
Hurricane Statement	Advisory	On
Hazardous Materials Warning	Warning	On*
Hurricane Watch	Watch	On
Hurricane Warning	Warning	On*
High Wind Watch	Watch	On
High Wind Warning	Warning	On
Iceberg Warning	Warning	On
Industrial Fire Warning	Warning	On*
Local Area Emergency	Advisory	On*

Event Code	Level	Default
Law Enforcement Warning	Warning	On*
Land Slide Warning	Warning	On*
National Audible Test	Advisory	Off
National Information Center	Advisory	Off
Network Notification Message	Advisory	Off
National Periodic Test	Advisory	Off
National Silent Test	Advisory	Off
Nuclear Power Plant Warning	Warning	On*
Power Outage Advisory	Advisory	On
Radiological Hazard Warning	Warning	On*
Required Monthly Test	Advisory	Off†
Required Weekly Test	Advisory	Off†
Special Marine Warning	Warning	On
Special Weather Statement	Advisory	On
Shelter In-Place Warning	Warning	On*
Severe Thunderstorm Watch	Watch	On
Severe Thunderstorm Warning	Warning	On
Severe Weather Statement	Advisory	On
Tornado Watch	Watch	On
911 Telephone Outage Emergency	Advisory	On
Tornado Warning	Warning	On*
Tropical Storm Watch	Watch	On
Tropical Storm Warning	Warning	On*
Tsunami Watch	Watch	On*
Tsunami Warning	Warning	On*
Transmitter Backup On	Advisory	Off
Transmitter Carrier Off	Advisory	Off
Transmitter Carrier On	Advisory	Off
Transmitter Primary On	Advisory	Off
Volcano Warning	Warning	On*
Wild Fire Watch	Watch	On
Wild Fire Warning	Warning	On*
Winter Storm Watch	Watch	On
Winter Storm Warning	Warning	On
Unrecognized Watch	Watch	On
Unrecognized Emergency	Advisory	On
Unrecognized Statement	Advisory	On
Unrecognized Warning	Warning	On

Notes:

- The * (asterisk) denotes that an alert is enabled permanently and cannot be selected and disabled.
- $\bullet\,$ The † denotes the test alerts you can use to ensure your area's broadcasts are being sent.