

SEVERE WEATHER

Watches, Warnings and Alerts



WATCH

A watch means that severe weather is possible. Take this time to prepare and locate safe, interior rooms away from windows, as well as gather emergency supplies.



WARNING

A warning means a severe weather event such as a tornado or flood has been confirmed in the area. There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.



THE INTERNET

Check weather.gov on a desktop or mobile device for real-time updates. Warnings can come from local news outlets or emergency management offices on social media, websites or apps. Follow GSW on social media for updates on weather in our area.



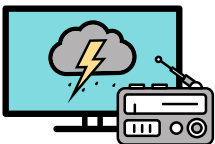
TEXT ALERTS

Make sure your smartphone is **Wireless Emergency Alerts** enabled to push real-time weather alerts. **Blackboard Connect** lets the GSW community know about any weather or otherwise perceived threats. Go to gsw.edu/campus-technology/emergency-notification-center for more information. Americus and Sumter County communities can sign up for free **Code Red Alerts** at sumtercountygga.us to receive alerts from the city, or download the app.



OUTDOOR SIRENS

Sirens are located on the GSW campus and will sound in the event of severe weather or active danger. Immediately seek shelter, monitor official social media outlets for updates and remain in place until the all-clear is given. **Siren tests** occur the first Wednesday of the month at **11:00 a.m.**



LOCAL TV AND RADIO

Local news stations like **WALB, WFXL or WRBL** broadcast official warnings, plus forecasts and storm trackers. These stations can also be found on social media and have apps that push weather notifications to your smartphone.



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