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Service Change Notice 24-75 Updated
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Subject: Updated: Changes in NWS Hazard Map Warning, Watch, Advisory
(WWA) Colors and Priorities: Effective October 1, 2024

Updated to change priority of Dust Storm Warning and Blowing Dust
Warning.

On or about October 1, 2024, at 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC),
the NWS will update WWA Hazard Map colors and priorities for a subset of
the Warnings, Watches, and Advisories displayed on the [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov)
homepage.

This change will reflect updates in NWS products and services resulting
from such changes as the consolidation of products, addition or removal
of products, and/or a re-evaluation of the priority of a hazard to ensure
that the most significant threat to life or property is displayed on the
map when several warnings and watches are in effect simultaneously.

These changes will also be reflected on all [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov) webpages.

The specific WWA map changes are as follows:

- * Dust Storm Warning - Priority changed from #42 to #28
- * Blowing Dust Warning - Priority changed from #43 to #29
- * Heavy Freezing Spray Warning - Priority changed from #75 to #25.
- * Ashfall Advisory - Priority changed from #86 to #42.
- * Extreme Cold Warning - Moved to Priority #50 and replaced Wind Chill
Warning as part of the Implementation of Consolidated NWS Public Weather
Program Products Related to Cold (see [Service Change Notice \(SCN\) 23-44](#)).
- * Freeze Warning - Moved to Priority #51 as discontinuation of "Hard
Freeze Warning" included in the Implementation of Consolidated NWS Public
Weather Program Products Related to Cold (see [SCN 23-44](#)).
- * Tropical Cyclone Local Statement - "Hurricane Local Statement" will be
updated to "Tropical Cyclone Local Statement" to reflect that it includes
all tropical cyclone types.
- * Winter Weather Advisory - Moved to Priority #60 above Avalanche
Advisory.
- * Cold Weather Advisory - Added at Priority #62 and replaced Wind Chill
Advisory as part of the Implementation of Consolidated NWS Public Weather
Program Products Related to Cold (see [SCN 23-44](#)).

- * Flood Advisory - Priority #64 as part of the Implementation of the Consolidation and/or Reformatting of Flood Watches, Warnings and Advisories (see [SCN 21-56](#)).
- * Coastal Flood Advisory - Moved to Priority #65 above Lakeshore Flood Advisory.* Winter Storm Watch - Moved up to Priority #82 and combined with Blizzard Watch and Lake Effect Snow Watch.
- * Avalanche Watch - Moved down to Priority #86.
- * Flood Watch - Moved up to Priority #89.
- * Extreme Cold Watch - Moved to Priority #94 and replaced Wind Chill Watch as part of the Implementation of Consolidated NWS Public Weather Program Products Related to Cold (see [SCN 23-44](#)).
- * Freeze Watch - Moved to Priority #95 as discontinuation of "Hard Freeze Watch" included in the Implementation of Consolidated NWS Public Weather Program Products Related to Cold (see [SCN 23-44](#)).

For more information regarding the consolidation of NWS Public Weather Program Products related to cold, please see SCN 23-44 Updated: Implementation of Consolidated NWS Public Weather Program Products Related to Cold, at:

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdf_2023_24/scn23-44_public_program_text_products_freeze_cold_aab.pdf

For more information on all NWS Warning, Watch, and Advisory priorities and colors, please see:

<https://www.weather.gov/help-map>

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For any feedback on the changes in hazard colors and priorities as described in this notice, please contact:

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