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Subject: Updated: Decommissioning of the Alerts Webpage Effective

December 2, 2025

Updated to notify users of an additional potential impact. Three shapefiles are made available on the Telecommunications Gateway FTP server (TGFTP) at the following URL:

https://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/DF.sha/DC.cap/DS.WWA/

These shapefiles contain links that currently point to the $\frac{\text{https://alerts.weather.gov}}{\text{Webpage}}$ webpage. On or about the time the Alerts Webpage is decommissioned, these links will instead point to $\frac{\text{https://api.weather.gov}}{\text{https://api.weather.gov}}$. The example below illustrates the change.

The URLs in the current shapefiles reference the Alerts webpage:

https://alerts.weather.gov/search?id=urn%3Aoid%3A2.49.0.1.840.0.7a3f0ef28 0b4307b541917f6210943f52907dc56.001.1

On or about the time of the Alerts Webpage decommissioning, the URL above will instead reference the alerts endpoint on the API:

https://api.weather.gov/alerts/urn%3Aoid%3A2.49.0.1.840.0.7a3f0ef280b4307b541917f6210943f52907dc56.001.1

Please note that these examples are provided to show how the URLs will change. While they are actual examples, the data that these URLs point to may have expired by the time the reader attempts to access it.

Previous message:

Effective on or about December 2, 2025, the National Weather Service (NWS) will decommission the Alerts Webpage currently accessible at the following URLs:

https://alerts.weather.gov
https://alerts-v2.weather.gov

The decommissioning of the Alerts Webpage is part of a larger effort by the NWS to transform its dissemination services, including updating and consolidating disparate dissemination applications into more modern, scalable and useful services.

The Alerts webpage duplicates some of the functionality already operating as part of the NWS API $\frac{https://api.weather.gov}{https://weather.gov}$ and the $\frac{https://weather.gov}{https://weather.gov}$ websites. The NWS will continue to provide all of the data available on the Alerts webpage via existing alternative operational systems.

Alternatives for the Alerts webpage:

1) Retrieve alerts through the API alerts endpoint https://api.weather.gov/alerts in GeoJSON, JSON-LD, Atom, or CAP XML. Users that require human-readable plain text format will need to convert from one of the available formats. This option is primarily meant for machine-to-machine communication. The NWS will make sample conversion code available upon request. API documentation can be found at the following URL:

https://www.weather.gov/documentation/services-web-api

- 2) View human-readable alerts on the $\underline{\text{https://weather.gov}}$ website by entering a zip code location or by clicking on areas of the map where there are active hazards. This option is primarily for web browser users who want to view alert details for a specific area.
- 3) View human-readable alerts on the https://radar.weather.gov website.

NWS Website User Experience Changes:

As a result of the Alerts Webpage decommissioning, changes are required on other NWS websites that will have a slight impact on the user experience. These changes and user experience impacts are described in the document linked below.

User Experience Changes due to Alerts Webpage Decommissioning

Please direct questions or comments to: NWS Web Feedback
nws.webfeedback@noaa.gov

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