



Cold-Related Hazards

We all know it's winter, and we know that means cold. However, things can escalate quickly from “cold” to “we need to implement warm-up breaks” to “a storm is coming” to “shut down the worksite and everyone get home.”

So how can we prepare for the weather, if we don't know what to expect? Someone should be responsible for tracking the changing conditions and keep the rest of the team abreast.

Weather radios do the same thing as a weather app, only it isn't in your pocket. If your radio is affiliated with the NOAA system, however, it can keep you abreast of cold/freeze advisories, cold/freeze warnings, as well as impending weather or storm conditions.

Since nearly everyone on the worksite likely has a smart phone in their pocket, using apps to track weather conditions is a simple way to keep on top of changing conditions. Many apps have notifications you can set for different types of alerts and monitoring. Some recommended apps:

FEMA All Hazards Mobile App

- Alerts from the National Weather Service: Receive severe weather alerts for up to five locations across the U.S. and information about how to stay safe.
- Maps of disaster resources: Locate and receive driving directions to open shelters and disaster recovery centers.
- Custom emergency safety information: Save a custom list of the items in your emergency kit, as well as the places you will meet in case of an emergency.
- Safety tips: Receive safety and preparedness reminders and learn how to stay safe before, during, and after over 20 types of hazards, including floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes.

National Weather Service (NWS)

Wherever you are, you can get the local weather forecast from the National Weather Service with one click on your home screen. Follow these three steps for one-click access to your local forecast.

- Visit weather.gov on your cell phone
- Click Send button in iPhone or Menu button on Android
- Choose “Add to Home Screen”

Popular Weather Apps



Look at the different features to determine which is the best for the area in which you work, and what it is you are trying to track. Some popular apps include:

- Dark Sky
- AccuWeather
- The Weather Channel
- NOAA Weather Radar
- Weather Live Free
- Weatherbug
- Weather Underground