



## **GovDelivery discontinues disseminating NWS weather alerts**

GovDelivery announced that it will discontinue disseminating National Weather Service (NWS) weather alerts effective July 31, 2013.

GovDelivery is a self-subscription service used to deliver e-mail and SMS/text notifications to the general public. It has contracts with many government agencies. The NWS began using GovDelivery in 2008. It discontinued/terminated its contract with GovDelivery on November 8, 2012, due to budget constraints.

At the time of the NWS termination of service, GovDelivery continued disseminating weather alert information using a similar e-subscription service. NWS subscribers were notified about the change in service and offered the opportunity to subscribe to GovDelivery's free service as well as to other third party weather alert services.

However, due to the substantial costs of providing a messaging service at this scale with high reliability, GovDelivery cannot continue the free service.

NWS products, including alerts of hazardous weather, are available directly from NWS through the following channels: NOAA Weather Radio, Web/Internet, Internet RSS/XML/REST formats and NOAA Weather Wire (satellite-based delivery system of NWS products).

Tropical cyclone products issued by the National Hurricane Center (NHC) are located on the NHC website at [www.hurricanes.gov](http://www.hurricanes.gov). Complete advisories are issued every six hours for an active tropical cyclone at 5 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. EDT.

Automatic alerts are available directly from NHC when a new tropical cyclone advisory is issued by following NHC on Twitter [@NHC\\_Atlantic](https://twitter.com/NHC_Atlantic) and [@NHC\\_Pacific](https://twitter.com/NHC_Pacific).

Visit <http://www.weather.gov/subscribe-hurricaneinfo> for additional sources of tropical storm & hurricane information.

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Contact <http://www.weather.gov/contact> with any questions about weather information from the National Weather Service.