Over the years, the iPhone Weather app has been gradually improving. You can now activate emergency weather notifications and precipitation reports for your area and locations you've listed in the Weather app. So, without further ado, let's look into how to get emergency weather alerts on your iPhone and iPad.

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What are severe weather alerts?

As the name suggests, the Weather app on iPhone and iPad will notify you if a severe, emergency, or bad weather alert is issued near you. This includes real-time notifications for precipitation, rain storms, tornados, hurricanes, flash floods, heat waves, and more.

However, the feature is not available in all countries and regions. As of writing, it was available for:

- United States
- Canada

- Mexico
- Australia
- India
- Japan
- China
- Brazil
- Thailand
- Most countries and regions in Europe

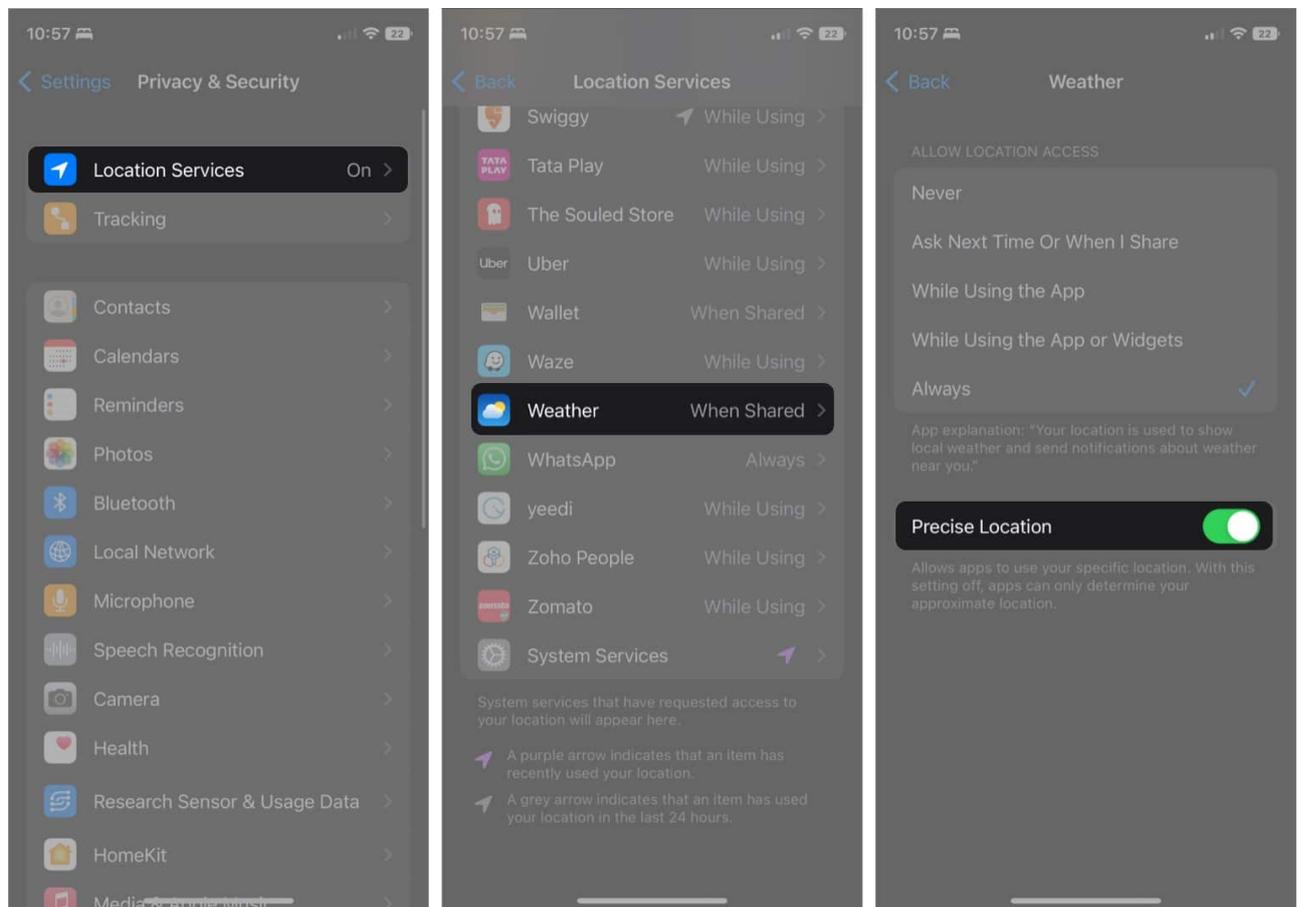Remember, you can turn on these alerts for your current and favored locations.

How to turn on weather alerts for your location on iPhone or iPad

To turn on severe weather alerts in the Weather app, you must follow a two-step process. You must first allow the app to access your location and then toggle on notifications.
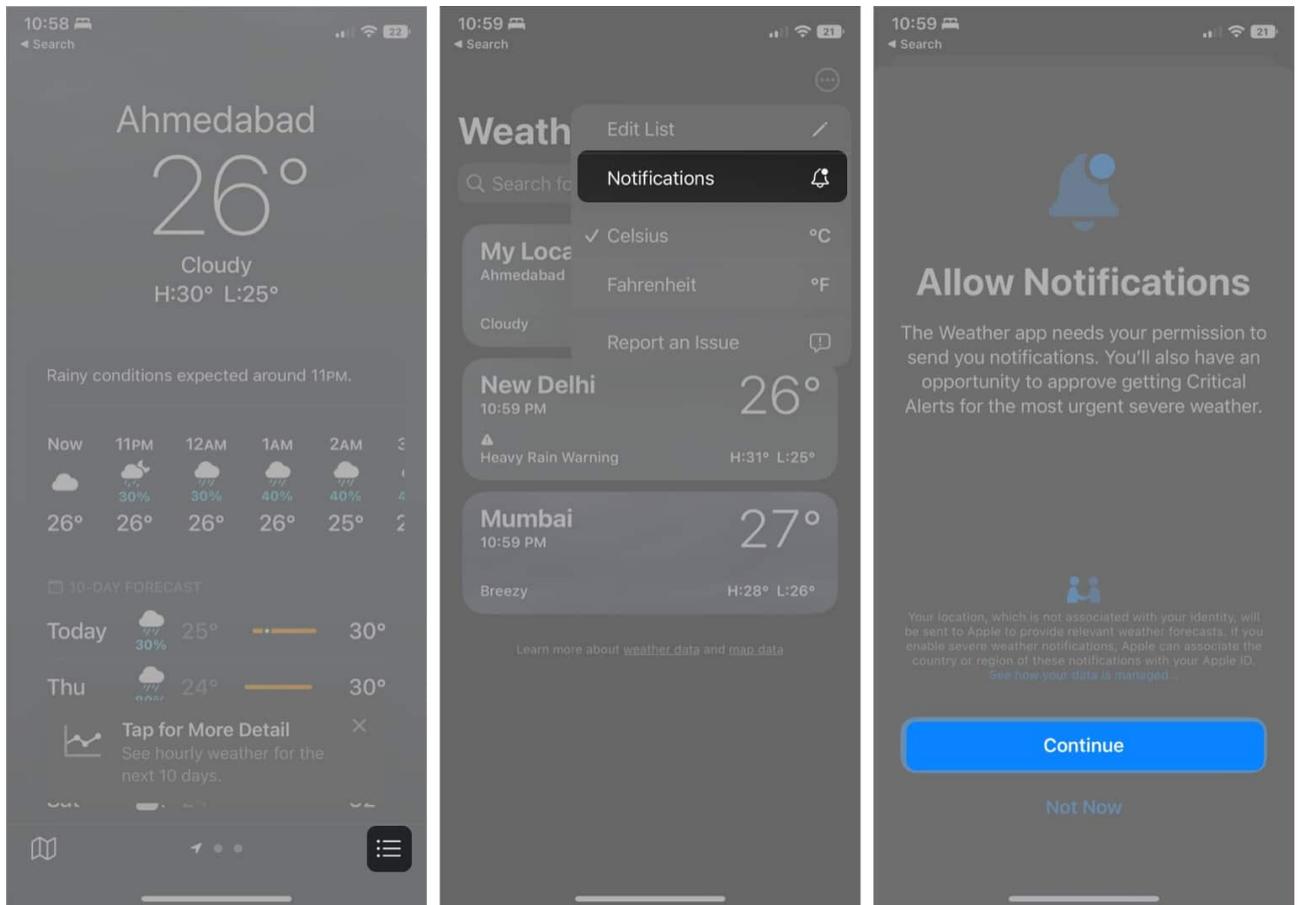
1. Enable location access

1. Open **Settings** → Go to **Privacy & Security**.
2. Tap **Location Services** → toggle on **Location Services** if not already.
3. Locate and select **Weather** from the list.
4. Tap **Always**.
   *Ensure that you enable **Precise Location** for the Weather app to access your exact location.*
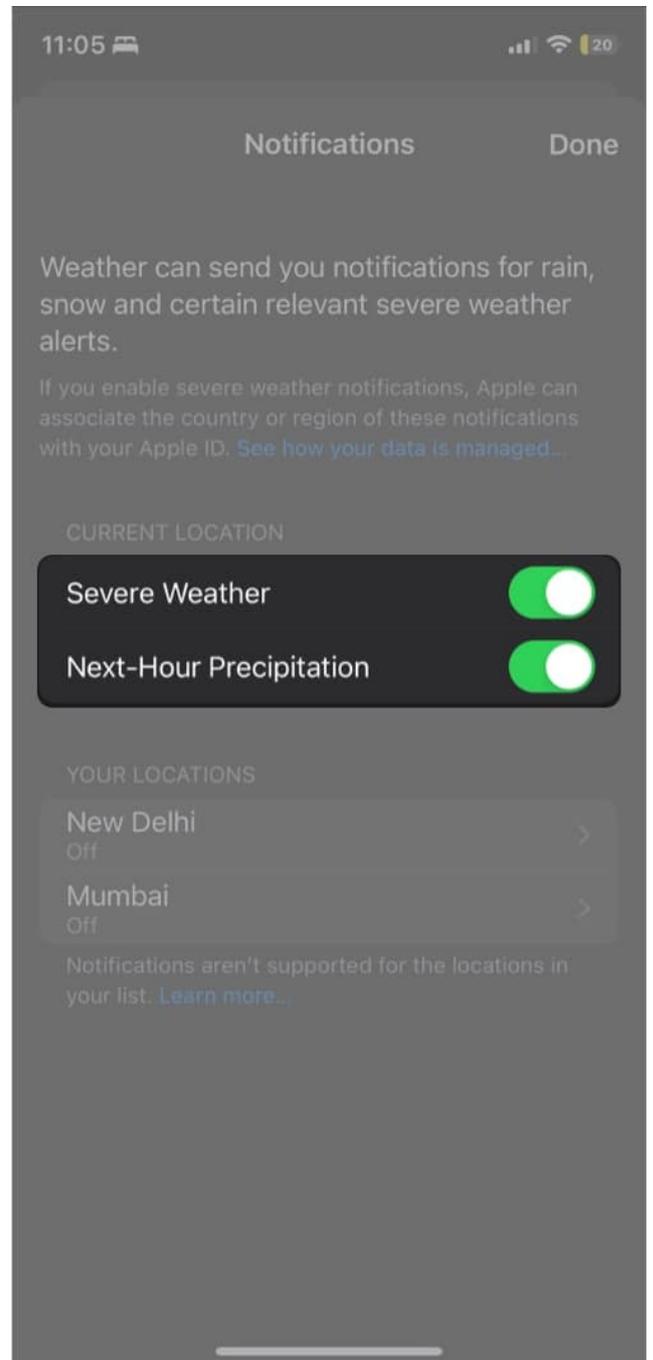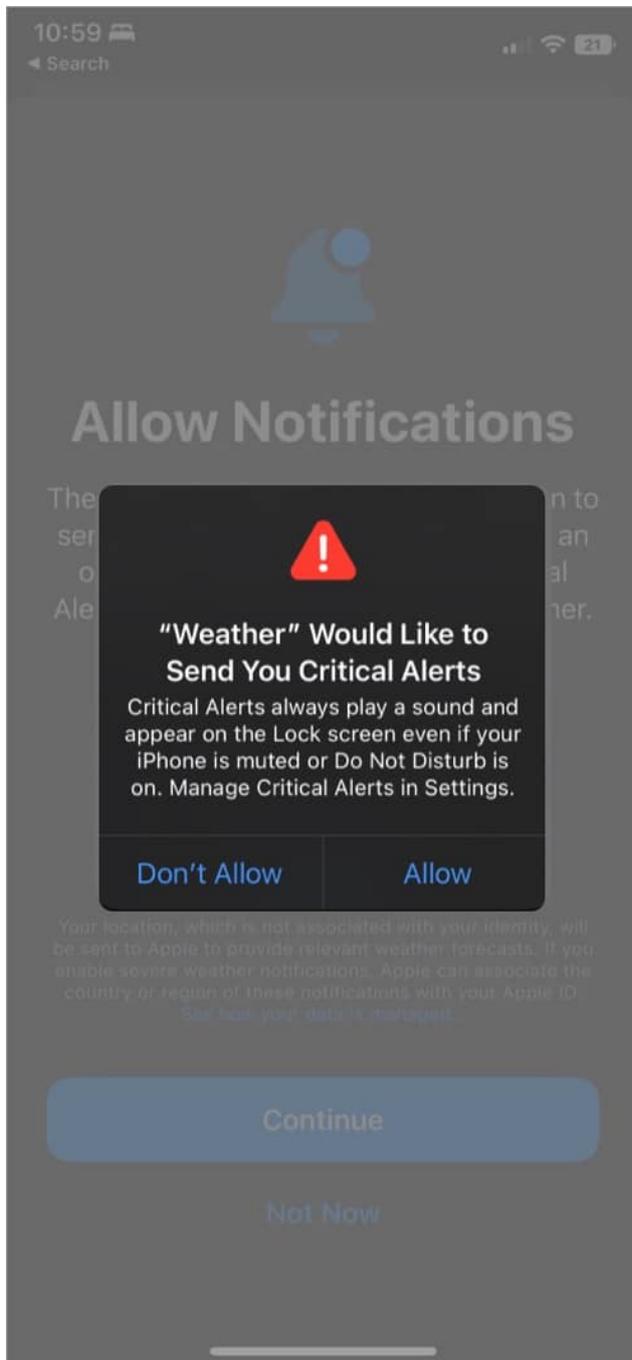
2. Enable notifications in Weather app

1. Open the **Weather** app.
2. Tap the **bullet list icon** at the bottom right.
3. Next, tap the **three dots icon** at the top right.
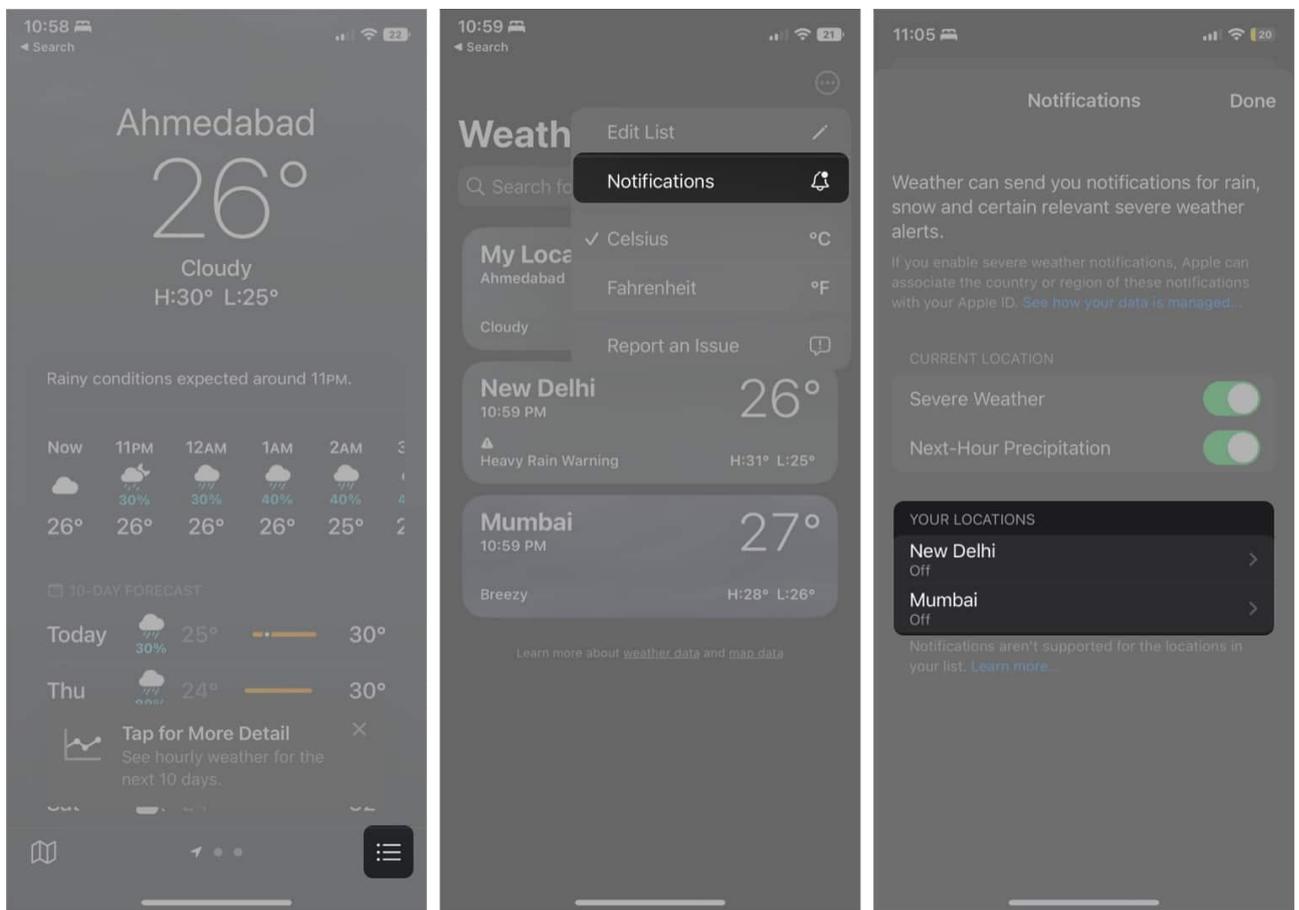4. Select **Notifications** → Tap **Continue**.

5. If prompted, select **Allow** and then **Allow** again.
6. Toggle on an option of your preference: *Severe Weather* and *Next-Hour Precipitation*.
7. Tap **Done** to complete the process.

Now, you'll get live notification updates for different weather conditions supported in your region.

Enable weather notifications for other locations

1. Go to the **Weather app → Bullet list icon**.
2. Tap the **three dots icon → Notifications**.
3. Under the **Locations** section, choose the location.
4. Toggle on:
   ○ Severe Weather
   ○ Next-Hour Precipitation
5. Tap **Done**.

To disable weather notification of your location or other locations in your weather list, repeat the above steps, toggle off, and tap Done.

Conclusion!

While Apple still has a long way to compete with other [third-party weather forecasting apps](#)

exist; I'll take these smaller victories for now. At least we got a weather app on iPad for the first time in 12 years.

I suggest you don't let the Weather app sit there doing nothing. Instead, enable the severe weather alerts to exercise its muscle and let Apple know that's it on the right track. Have more queries or ideas to share? Use the comment section.

Read more:

- [How to turn off emergency alerts on iPhone](#)