

New flood widget

Changes to the Environment Agency flood widget

The Environment Agency has developed a new flood widget which can be placed on any website to show flood warnings. The new widget replaces the existing version that may feature on your website.

In April 2012 we developed and launched a flood widget. The flood widget is computer script or code that web developers can use and embed within any website. It provides live information displaying the number of Environment Agency flood alerts, flood warnings and severe flood warnings in force. The flood widget uses the Environment Agency's open data and provides the latest summary of flood alerts and warnings. The widget is designed to update every 15 minutes.

The Environment Agency is carrying out a large programme of work to review and improve our flood services. The flood widget is one of those services. The widget has proven popular since it was launched in 2012. We have reviewed the need for the widget and have made some improvements to how it looks.

The new flood widget

The new widget has been re-designed to provide either a national (England) view or a county-based view. You are able to download the new widget at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/flood-widgets>. We plan to launch the new widget on 8 April 2016. Both the old and new widget will be available for around 8 weeks before we turn-off the old flood widget.

Updating your website

If your website features the existing flood widget, you should replace it with the version which can be downloaded from <https://environment.data.gov.uk/flood-widgets>. You can choose which design and location you want to feature. The old widget will only continue to work till the end of May 2016. It is important that you update your website with the new widget before June if you want to continue to receive the service.

If your website visitors require flood warning information for Wales they will be unable to get this through the new widget. Natural Resource Wales (NRW) are responsible for the flood warning service in Wales and they don't currently plan to provide an alternative widget. If you want to direct your visitors to flood warning information for Wales you can instead provide a link to NRW website at <http://naturalresources.wales/flooding/check-flood-warnings/?lang=en> (English language) or <http://naturalresources.wales/flooding/check-flood-warnings/?lang=cy> (Welsh language).

Further information or feedback

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