

Collection of Weather Sayings

SKY

- Red sky at night, sailors delight.
Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning.

SUN

- Haloes around the sun or moon indicate a rain or snow real soon.
- A reddish sun has water in his eye; before long you won't be dry.
- When the sun sets bright and clear, an easterly wind you need not fear.
- Evening red and morning gray, a good sign for a fair day.
- If the sun in red should set, the next day surely will be wet; if the sun should set in gray, the next will be a fair day.

MOON

- Pale moon rains, red moon blows; white moon neither rains nor blows.
- The moon her face be red, of water she speaks.
- When the moon raises red and appears large, with clouds, expect rain in twelve hours.
- When the moon is darkest near the horizon, expect rain.
- Clear moon, frost soon.

CLOUDS

- High clouds indicate fine weather will prevail; lower clouds mean rain.
- When clouds look like rocks and towers, the Earth will be refreshed by showers.
- Clouds on the setting sun's brow indicate rain.
- If cumulus clouds are smaller at sunset than at noon, expect fair weather.
- When cumulus clouds become heaped in leeward during a strong wind at sunset, thunder may be expected during the night.
- Cumulus clouds in a clear blue sky, it will likely rain.
- Mares' tails and mackerel scales make tall ships take in their sails.

PRECIPITATION

- A sunny shower won't last an hour.

WIND

- A wind from the south has rain in its mouth.
- If cirrus clouds form in weather with a falling barometer, it is almost sure to rain.

BIRDS

- If the goose honks high, fair weather; if the goose honks low, foul weather.
- Birds flying low, expect rain and a blow.
- If the lark flies high, expect fair weather.
- If the rooster crows on going to bed, you may rise with a watery head.
- If the raven crows, expect rain.
- When geese cackle, it will rain.

- When ducks quack loudly, it's a sign of rain.
- The hooting of the owl brings rain.
- If the sparrow makes a lot of noise, rain will follow.
- When parrots whistle, expect rain.

INSECTS

- Crickets are accurate thermometers; they chirp faster when warm and slower when cold.
- Cockroaches are more active before a storm.
- Locusts sing when the air is hot and dry.
- Before a rain, ants are very busy, gnats bite, crickets are lively, spiders leave their nest; and flies gather in houses.
- When spider's webs in air do fly, the spell will soon be very dry.
- If garden spiders forsake their webs, it indicates rain.
- If spiders are many and spinning their webs, the spell will soon be very dry.
- Spiders enlarge and repair their webs before bad weather.

MAMMALS

- When a cow endeavors to scratch his ear, it means a rain shower is very near. When he thumps his ribs with an angry tail, look out for thunder, lightning and hail.
- If a dog pulls his feet up high while walking, a change in the weather is coming.
- Cats scratch a post before wind; Wash their faces before a rain; and sit with backs to the fire before snow.
- Cats with their tails up and hair apparently electrified indicate approaching wind.
- Horses run fast before a violent storm or before windy conditions.
- Pigs gather leaves and straw before a storm.
- If the bull leads the cows to pasture, expect rain; if the cows precede the bull, the weather will be uncertain.

REPTILES/AMPHIBIANS

- The louder the frog, the more the rain.
- If frogs make a noise during cold rain, warm dry weather will follow.

PLANTS/TREES

- Open crocus, warm weather. Closed crocus, cold weather. Tulips open their blossoms when the temperature rises; they close again when the temperature falls.
- The daisy shuts its eye before rain.
- If the marigold should open at six or seven in the morning and not close until four in the afternoon, we may reckon on settled weather.
- Flowers smell best just before a rain.
- Dandelion blossoms close before a rain.
- When the milkweed closes its pod, expect rain.
- The pitcher plant opens wider before a rain.
- Chickweeds close their leaves before a rain.