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.