

# NASA: Satellite pieces to hit Earth in a week

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(AP) -- U.S. space officials say they expect a dead satellite to fall to Earth in about a week.

NASA has been watching the 6-ton satellite closely. On Friday officials moved up their prediction for its arrival to Sept. 23, give or take a day.

[NASA](#) scientists have calculated the satellite will break into 26 pieces as it gets closer to Earth. The odds of it hitting someone anywhere on the planet are 1 in 3,200. The heaviest piece to hit the ground will be about 350 pounds, but no one has ever been hit by falling [space junk](#) in the past.

NASA expects to give the public more detailed information early next week. For now, all [continents](#) except Antarctica could be hit by satellite debris.

**More information:** UARS satellite: <http://www.nasa.gov/mission-pages/uars/uars-concept.html>

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