How to Create Search Alerts

Your Gale Cengage Learning periodical eResources, along with PowerSearch, provide a tool that lets you “subscribe” to your favorite search topics. Search Alerts let you know when new articles that match your search are added to your eResources. This is a great way to stay up-to-date on a topic you are interested in but lets the eResources do the work for you. This step-by-step guide will explain how to set up Search Alerts.

**STEP 1:** Access your library’s Gale periodical eResource (or PowerSearch).

**STEP 2:** Select any search path except Publication Search or One Search (use our How to Create Journal Alerts to “subscribe” to new issues of magazines/journals).

**STEP 3:** Enter your search. For this example, we are using Advanced Search to create a search alert for articles written by Mark Bittman (a food writer) from The New York Times.

**STEP 4:** Click the Create Search Alert link in the Tools box to the right of your results.

**STEP 5:** Fill in the form with your e-mail address and select the Frequency you’d like the search to be performed; Selecting Daily ensures that you are notified as soon as the new articles are added. If you use an RSS aggregator, you can set up an RSS Feed alert with the URL provided.

**STEP 6:** Click the Submit button. You will receive a confirmation that your Search Alert has been created and you are done! Repeat with as many Search Alerts as you like!