



Winter Weather Definitions

The "Hazardous Weather Outlook" highlights potentially dangerous winter storms, high winds, and extreme cold, up to seven days in advance.

A Watch means severe winter weather is possible in the next day or two. Check your supplies of food and fuel.

Winter Watches are issued for:

- o Blizzards
- o Winter Storms with heavy snow, sleet or a combination of heavy snow, sleet and icing
- o Wind Chill

A Warning means severe winter weather conditions are imminent within the next 12 to 24 hours. Avoid traveling and stay inside.

Winter Warnings are issued for:

- o Blizzards
- o Ice Storms (*ice 1/4 inch thick or more*)
- o Winter storms with heavy snow (*6" or more*), sleet (*1/2" or more*) or a combination of heavy snow, sleet, icing and/or blowing snow
- o Wind Chill (*-25 F or colder*)

An Advisory means that winter weather will cause a significant inconvenience, especially to motorists. Use extra caution while traveling.

Winter Advisories are issued for:

- o Freezing Rain (*light icing less than 1/4 inch thick*)
- o Winter weather with snow (*generally 3 to 6 inches*), sleet (*less than 1/2 inch accumulation*), blowing snow, drifting snow or a combination of winter weather
- o Wind Chill (*-15 to -24 F*)