

Warning Uses

Convective Weather	Flooding	Winter Weather	Non-Precipitation
Tornado Watch Tornado Warning Severe Thunderstorm Watch Severe Thunderstorm Warning	Flash Flood Watch Flash Flood Warning Flood Watch Flood Warning Small Stream Flood Advisory	Blizzard Warning Winter Storm Watch Winter Storm Warning Snow Advisory Freezing Rain Advisory Ice Storm Warning Winter Weather Advisory	High Wind Warning High Wind Advisory

Definition of Terms

Term	Definition
Winter Weather Outlook	There is a good chance of a major winter storm developing in the next several days.
Winter Storm Watch	There is a greater than 50% chance of a major winter storm in the next several days
Winter Storm Warning	Any combination of winter weather including snow, sleet, or blowing snow. The snow amount must meet a minimum accumulation amount which varies by location.
Blizzard Warning	Falling and/or blowing snow frequently reducing visibility to less than 1/4 mile AND sustained winds or frequent gusts greater than 35 mph will last for at least 3 hours.
Ice Storm Warning	Freezing rain/drizzle is occurring with a significant accumulation of ice (more than 1/4 inch) or accumulation of 1/2 inch of sleet.
Wind Chill Warning	Wind chill temperature less than or equal to -20 and wind greater than or equal to 10 mph.
Winter Weather Advisory	Any combination of winter weather such as snow, blowing snow, sleet, etc. where the snow amount is a hazard but does not meet Winter Storm Warning criteria above.
Freezing Rain/Drizzle Advisory	Light freezing rain or drizzle with little accumulation.