

Winter Storm Warning Through Saturday



Preliminary Forecast Snowfall
Thru Saturday Afternoon



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Heavy Snow & Gusty Winds



When

Start: Late this Afternoon/Evening
End: Sat Midday (except Lake Effect snow)
Snow developing from north to south



Snow

Accum: 5"-9+" north of I-88, with locally heavier totals possible, especially near Lake Michigan
3-7" south of I-88
Rates: 1" per hour possible



Potential Impacts: High

Dangerous, significantly slowed travel due to snow/ice covered roads & poor visibility
Gusty winds develop tonight and continue through Saturday. Blowing & drifting snow is expected.

Message of the Day:

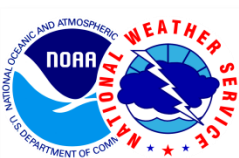


- Winter Storm Warning in effect for all of northern Illinois & northwest Indiana.
- Moderate to at times heavy snow will produce 3-7" south of I-88 and 5-9" north, with locally higher amounts near Lake Michigan.
- Gusty winds develop tonight into Saturday resulting in blowing & drifting.

Important Forecast Changes



Winter Storm Watch upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning



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Key Points



Hazards: Moderate to heavy snow; winds gusting 30-35 mph. Temperatures falling into the teens & single digits Saturday night.



Areas Impacted: Northern Illinois & Northwest Indiana



Timing & Duration: Snow spreads northwest to southeast across the forecast area starting late this afternoon/early evening and continues through midday Saturday. Lake effect snow will persist near Lake Michigan into Sunday.



Impacts: Very difficult and dangerous travel due to now covered roads, significantly reduced visibility, and blowing & drifting snow. Dangerously cold temperature Saturday night into Sunday morning



Certainty & Considerations: Expect transient bands of heavier snow that could produce locally higher snow totals. There is low confidence in placement of lake effect snow showers later Saturday into Sunday.