



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



January 2002

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage		Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	

ILLINOIS, Northeast

Cook County

Mt Prospect

22 2130CST 0 1 5K Lightning

A line of thunderstorms developed during the evening hours of January 22nd across northwest Illinois. The thunderstorms produced pea size hail across many parts of Lee, DeKalb, Kane and Will counties. As the line moved east into northeast Illinois, a bolt of lightning struck a tree in Mount Prospect. The tree exploded into thousands of pieces, some of which were 3 to 5 feet long. One of these large pieces struck a woman walking her dog. Although she was critically injured, she recovered from her injuries. The flying pieces of the tree broke 3 windows and damaged garage doors and siding.

ILZ003>006-008-010>014-019>023-032 Winnebago - Boone - Mchenry - Lake - Ogle - Lee - De Kalb - Kane - Du Page - Cook - La Salle - Kendall - Grundy - Will - Kankakee - Livingston

30 1900CST 0 0 Winter Storm
31 0530CST

A strong winter storm moved into the Ohio Valley on January 30th. Snow began falling during the morning hours...especially along and south of Interstate 80 where 2 to 5 inches fell. Heavier snow began falling north of Interstate 80 during the evening hours and continued into the early morning hours of January 31st. Snowfall totals were mainly between 6 and 10 inches from Interstate 80 north. The heaviest snow fell in Dupage and Cook counties. Downers Grove in Dupage county received the most snow with 13.1 inches. Ohare Airport received 12.0 inches. The snow caused numerous car accidents.

Across Livingston, Kankakee, southern Will, and southern Grundy counties, snowfall amounts were lighter, generally 2 to 5 inches. However, these areas received one quarter inch of ice from freezing rain during the early morning hours of January 31st. Many utility poles, power lines, trees and tree limbs were knocked down by the ice causing several power outages.

INDIANA, Northwest

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Lake - Porter

31 0400CST 0 0 Winter Storm
0530CST

A strong winter storm moved into the Ohio Valley on January 30th. Snow began falling across Lake and Porter counties in the evening. The snow changed to freezing rain over most areas and produced ice accumulations of one quarter inch. Northwest Lake county received 6 inches of snow before changing to freezing rain, while other areas saw 2 to 5 inches of snow. The ice and snow knocked down utility poles, power lines, trees and tree limbs causing several power outages. Numerous car accidents were also reported.