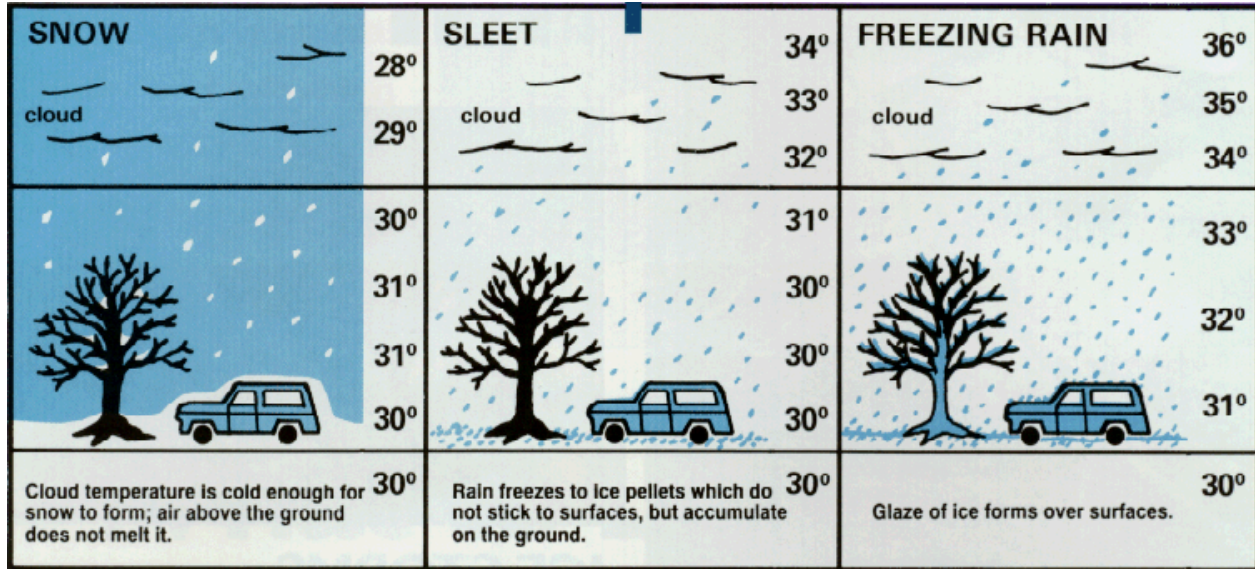




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Snow	Sleet	Freezing Rain
<p>Cloud temperature is cold enough for snow to form and the air above the ground does not melt it.</p> <p>Flurries: Light snow falling for short durations. No accumulation.</p> <p>Showers: Snow falling at varying intensities for brief periods of time. Some accumulation is possible.</p> <p>Blowing Snow: Wind driven snow that reduces visibility and causes significant drifting. Blowing snow is mostly loose snow on the ground that is picked up by the wind.</p> <p>Blizzard: Winds at least 35 mph with snow and blowing snow reducing visibility to ¼ mile or less.</p>	<p>Rain drops that freeze into ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet usually bounces when hitting a surface and does not stick to objects. However, it can accumulate like snow and cause a hazard to motorist. A ½ inch of sleet accumulation can be a serious hazard.</p>	<p>Rain that falls onto a surface with a temperature below freezing. This causes it to freeze to surfaces, such as trees, cars, and roads, forming a coating or glaze of ice. Even small accumulations of ice can cause a significant hazard.</p>