

WINTER PRECIPITATION

There are several different types of precipitation that can be observed during the winter months. These include sleet, snow and freezing rain. A phenomenon known as freezing fog may also be reported when there is sufficient moisture near the ground and the temperature is at or below 32°F. Each of these wintry precipitation types present different hazards, from deteriorated road conditions to prolonged power outages.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SNOW, SLEET AND FREEZING RAIN?

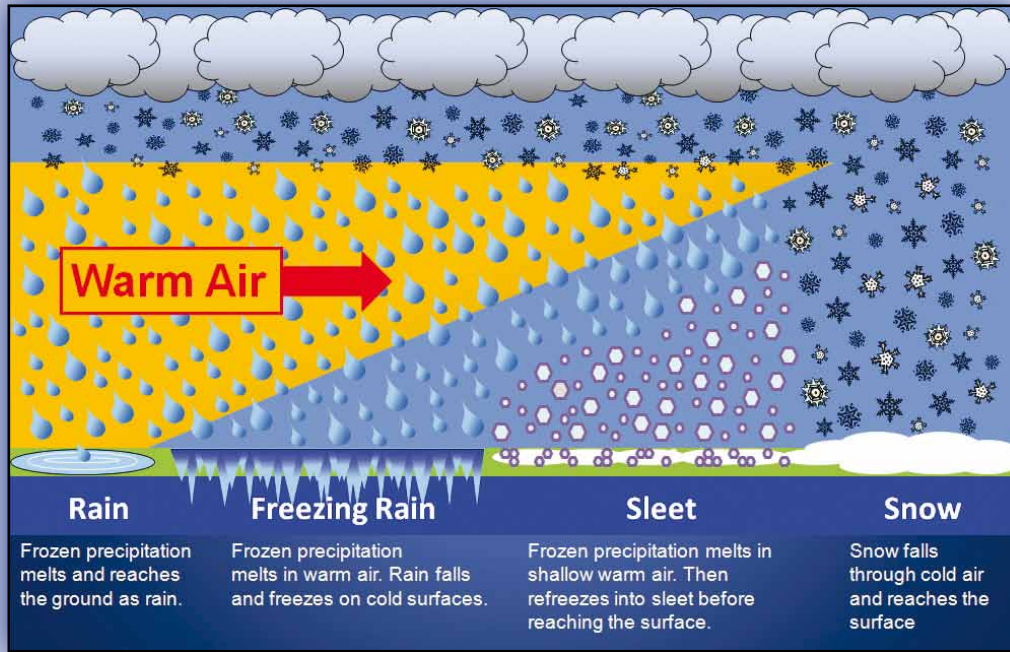


PHOTO EXAMPLES:



SNOW

Courtesy of Heather Hall
Walker County, Jan 17, 2013



Coffee County
Feb 12, 2010



FREEZING RAIN

Colbert County, Jan 14, 2013



Courtesy of Randolph Co. EMA.
Randolph County, Jan 10, 2011



Courtesy of Gina Odom
Cullman County, Jan 17, 2013



SLEET

Shelby County
Jan 9, 2011



FREEZING FOG

Courtesy of Tommy Self
Limestone County, Dec 27, 2011