

# Winter Weather Safety

# **Tips & Links for Winter Weather Hazards**

# Official NWS Forecasts & Information

- → Find your local office at <u>weather.gov</u> click on the map to visit your local office's page, including forecast graphics and more!
- → Find your local office on Facebook and Twitter visit weather.gov/socialmedia
- → NWS Winter Safety Tips: https://www.weather.gov/safety/winter
- → Forecast Points: <a href="https://www.weather.gov/forecastpoints">https://www.weather.gov/forecastpoints</a>

**Advisory** 

**Use Caution** - Minor Disruptions

Watch

Warning Conditions

Possible Soon →

Time to prepare!



Life-Threatening Conditions Likely - Major Storm!

## **Road Weather Information**

→Minnesota: <u>511mn.org</u> →Wisconsin: 511wi.gov

→ Michigan: michigan.gov/drive

# Winter Weather Reporting

Remember to include Time, Location, Condition, and Source in your report!

#### **Snow**

- Measure snow on a flat, solid surface away from trees/buildings
- Use a ruler and take several measurements, then report the average measurement
- Report in the morning (~7am) and/or after the storm has ended

#### Ice

- Report ANY ice on flat surfaces (like a deck railing or vehicle) or on radial surfaces (like a tree or wire), even just a glaze
- Also report any impacts from ice (i.e. downed branches)

### **One-Time Reports**

Use one of the following to share your report:

- Online Report Form:
  - https://inws.ncep.noaa.gov/report/
- Contact local office on Social Media, or ask them the best way to send in reports!

### **CoCoRaHS Daily Reports**

We are always looking for volunteers to sign up for **CoCoRaHS**, especially if you live in a rural area! (Reporting rain requires the use of a standard rain gauge, ~\$40.) For more information and to sign up, visit cocorahs.org

### **Current Precipitation Type Reporting - mPING app**

For current winter precipitation type (rain/snow/sleet/etc.) and <u>small</u> hail reports, you can use the free **mPING** app available for iOS and Android: <a href="https://mping.nssl.noaa.gov/">https://mping.nssl.noaa.gov/</a> (Anonymous - Free - Report what's falling (or "none") as often as you'd like!)



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