

Six Basic Steps for Properly MEASURING SNOW

Accurate and timely snowfall measurements are extremely important to your National Weather Service office, your community, local media, and many others. Here are the six steps you need to know for measuring snow:

- Supplies**: Ruler or yard stick, 24" X 24" white board, flag
- Planning**: Find an open area away from tall objects, but sheltered from wind
- Set-up**: Set up before snow begins. Put your board out and mark it with the flag
- Measuring Snow**: Record your total to the nearest tenth of an inch. Wipe the board off after measuring. Measure once daily at the same time, after measuring place the board on top of snow
- When Snow Stops**: Measure as soon as the snow stops to avoid lower totals due to melting, settling and drifting
- Reporting**: weather.gov, social media. SEND us your report!

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NWS Raleigh Winter Weather SKYWARN Virtual Spotter Training Session

- Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021
- Time: Beginning at 7 PM EST
- Topics: Winter weather patterns, winter safety, observing winter weather, winter precip types, how to measure and report winter precip.
- Must have a PC or laptop with internet access and speakers so that you can hear the audio. Or you can watch and listen via your tablet or smart phone with the free GoToMeeting App.
- Limited to the first 1000 people who register.
- Click the following link to register:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8795632739119153163>

Winter Precipitation

SNOW	SLEET	FREEZING RAIN	RAIN
Snowflakes never melt.	Droplets freeze and form ice before reaching the surface.	Rain freezes on contact with the surface.	Rain never refreezes.
At or Below 32°F	At or Below 32°F	Above 32°F	Above 32°F

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