



Winter Storm Warning/Winter Weather Advisory Criteria Lowered for 2020-2021 Season

The NWS in Shreveport, LA is now using lowered criteria for Winter Storm Warnings and Winter Weather Advisories. Winter Storm Warnings moving forward will be for any snowfall event greater than or equal to 2 inches, while Winter Weather Advisories will be for snowfall events of 1 to 2 inches.

Winter Storm Warning

Winter Weather Advisory



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Why the Change?

The Shreveport office received input from the media, emergency management, transportation, and academic partners that indicated that only two inches of snowfall can bring major impacts to transportation and commerce in the area. Only an inch of snowfall can still bring impacts, making area roadways slick.

How much snow does the area get every winter?

On average, snowfall amounts range from 2.5" in Broken Bow, OK and Mount Pleasant, TX to around 1.0" in Shreveport, LA, Tyler, TX, and El Dorado, AR to 0.5" or less in Monroe, LA, Lufkin, TX, and Natchitoches, LA. Thus, snowfall amounts that trigger a Winter Storm Warning in many cases will bring a snowfall that is greater than the annual average of snow in one event across the area.

WINTER PRODUCT	THRESHOLDS
WINTER STORM WARNING For: snow, sleet, freezing rain or mixed hazards	Winter storm with more than one hazard or only heavy snow ($\geq 2''$), sleet ($\geq 0.5''$), and ice ($\geq 0.25''$)
WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY For: snow, sleet, freezing rain, or mixed hazards	Winter event with more than one hazard or only snow (1-2"), sleet ($< 0.5''$), and ice ($< 0.25''$)