

## OUTLOOK

- Issued 3 to 5 days before the onset of potential significant winter weather (snow, freezing rain, extreme cold)
- Issued as a Special Weather Statement (SPS) and/or mentioned in the Hazardous Weather Outlook (HWO)
- Highlights the *potential* for significant winter weather
- Geared towards helping individuals and decision makers *plan* for hazardous winter weather



- Possible Actions:
  - ✓ Review action plan
  - ✓ Continue to actively monitor forecast updates

## WATCH

- Issued 36-48 hours before the onset of significant winter weather (can be issued earlier when there is high confidence)
- Specifies locations impacted, timing and event severity
- Signifies an increase in forecaster confidence that significant winter weather is expected to occur



- Possible Actions:
  - ✓ Staff readiness?
  - ✓ Is action plan being executed/ready to be executed?
  - ✓ Contingency plans for schools?

## ADVISORY

- Issued 0-36 hours before onset of hazardous winter weather
- *Hazardous conditions will occur*, but amounts are not expected to reach warning criteria. Impacts are expected!
- Possible Actions:
  - ✓ Execute action plan?
  - ✓ State of resources/response team?

## WARNING

- Issued 0-36 hours before onset of *significant hazardous winter weather*
- *Winter weather with significant impacts is expected!*
- Possible Actions:
  - ✓ Execute action plan?
  - ✓ State of resources/response team?

# North Texas Winter Weather Product Guide

<u>Product</u>	<u>Accumulation Criteria</u>
Winter Storm Warning	Snow Accumulation > 4 in. <i>and/or</i> Freezing Rain Accumulation > 1/4 in. <i>and/or</i> Sleet Accumulation > 1/2 in. in 12 hours
Winter Storm Warning	Snow Accumulation ≥ 6 in. <i>and/or</i> Freezing Rain Accumulation ≥ 1/4 in. <i>and/or</i> Sleet Accumulation ≥ 1/2 in. in 24 hours
Ice Storm Warning	Freezing Rain Accumulation ≥ 1/4 in. ( <i>Freezing Rain Exclusively</i> )
Blizzard Warning	Sustained Winds or Frequent Gusts ≥ 35 MPH accompanied by falling <i>and/or</i> blowing snow with reduced visibility of ≤ 1/4 mile for 3 or more hours

<u>Product</u>	<u>Accumulation Criteria</u>
Winter Weather Advisory	Sleet Accumulation < 1/2 in. <i>and/or</i> Snow Accumulation < 4 in. <i>and/or</i> Freezing Rain or Freezing Drizzle Accumulation < 1/4 in.
Winter Weather Advisory	Blowing/Drifting snow with visibility near 1/4 mile & winds < 35 MPH
Freezing Rain Advisory	Freezing Rain or Freezing Drizzle Accumulation < 1/4 in. ( <i>Freezing Rain or Freezing Drizzle Exclusively</i> )
Wind Chill Advisory	Wind Chill Temperatures < 0 °F

<u>Product</u>	
Winter Storm Watch	Moderate to High Confidence that Warning Criteria will be met
Blizzard Watch	Moderate to High Confidence that Warning Criteria will be met

- Note: A Warning may be issued for Advisory-level accumulations if impacts are expected to be significant (e.g. during morning/evening rush hour or busy travel days).