

Familiarize Yourself with the Terms That are Used to Identify Winter Weather

“Freezing Rain” creates a coating of ice on roads and walkways.

“Sleet” is rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes roads to freeze and become slippery.

“Winter Weather Advisory” means cold, ice and snow are expected.

“Winter Storm Watch” means severe weather such as heavy snow or ice is possible in the next day or two.

“Winter Storm Warning” means severe winter conditions have begun or will begin very soon.

“Blizzard Warning” means heavy snow and strong winds will produce a blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts and life-threatening wind chill.

“Frost/Freeze Warning” means below-freezing temperatures are expected.

When a Winter Storm WATCH is issued, listen to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio and television stations, or cable television such as The Weather Channel for further updates. Be alert to changing weather conditions.