

Friday January 24, 2020

5:00 PM Temperature: 36

ACTION ALERT

Forecast remains tricky for this evening into Saturday AM with regards to timing of the changeover from rain and drizzle to snow. There is still one model that keeps precipitation rain throughout tonight which makes us less confident with our snow amounts for tonight into Saturday AM. Pavement temperatures are in the low 40's currently and air temperatures may not get down to 32 tonight, this leaves the potential for the wet snow accumulation on elevated surfaces rather than on roads and lots. Currently we will see light rain and drizzle mix with snow in the Rockford area first and change to snow from Rockford to UGN between 6-8pm, around 9-11pm I90 to I88 and 11pm-1am south and in the loop. Zero tolerance and icy conditions properties will begin to be serviced as conditions and temperatures warrant. We will trigger plowing services as soon as we hit the 1" thresholds. Any multifamily 2" and over contracts; we will monitor conditions during the overnight hours and dispatch crews as those thresholds are achieved.

ALERT OVERVIEW					
START TIME:	Current	ENDING TIME:	3-5PM Sat Flurries into Sat night	TOTAL	.15-.50 3-6" Rockford to UGN 2-5" I90 to I88 2-4" South
DURATION OF PRECIP:	30 Hrs	INTENSITY:	Light Rain Drizzle mixes with snow		
COMMENTS:	*Winter Weather Advisory 6pm to 12am Sunday				

POTENTIAL HAZARDS:

Rapid snow accum (1"+ per hr)		Night/AM widespread refreeze	
Blowing / drifting of snow		Night/AM patchy refreeze	
Very low visibility at times		Accum. During rush hour	
Long storm duration (+12 hrs)		Quick untreated pavement accum	
Down trees/limbs/power lines		Temps during event below 20°	
Patchy ice accumulation		Long duration (+24h) below 32°	
Severe widespread ice accum		Rapid temperature drop	
Sleet accumulation		Repeated Dustings Possible	

SNOW CONFIDENCE:

1-3 Inches	35%
3-5 Inches	60%
5-9 Inches	5%
9-12 Inches	0%

*Visual Maps on Second Page

Snowfall Trends Tonight Thru Saturday Morning

Notes & Information



- Light rain or drizzle should change to snow this evening, earlier toward Rockford and later toward Chicago.
- Periods of moderate to locally heavy snowfall are likely, especially late this evening and overnight.
- The immediate Chicago area may see a mix of rain and snow through much of the event.

Impacts



- Potential for latter portions of evening commute to be impacted by snow and reduced visibilities, less so in the Chicago area but more likely in areas north and west.
- Heaviest snowfall late evening and overnight into Saturday morning.



Actions

- Be prepared for rapidly changing conditions late this evening



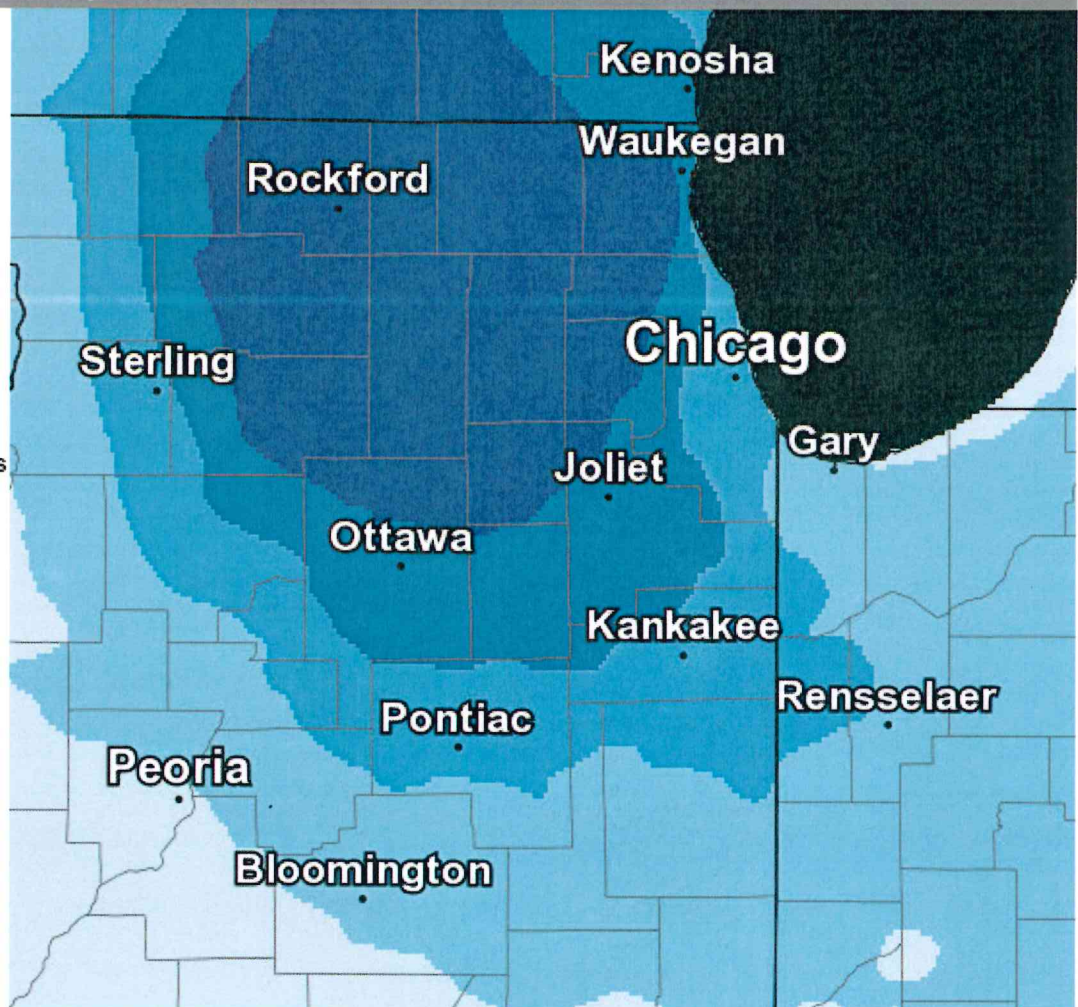
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Forecast Snowfall

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