

WEATHER ALERT

Snow develops late tonight... Today mild temps are feeding into some much need melting, though a wave of low pressure along a cold front tonight into tomorrow morning will bring a period of snow. While, initially precip should mix or fall as all rain, leading to the dilution of residual, it does transition over to all snow into the predawn. This discourages the idea of pre-treatment. This type of event will change rain over to snow sooner on higher hill tops and while there will be a general 1 - 2.5" across the area, those higher hilltops can receive up to 3". Impacts to the morning commute tomorrow are certain as pavements begin to cover after some initial variability. Snow tapers nearing the late morning and with temps settling in the upper 20s tomorrow, any natural melting will be limited. Given temps falling to near or just below 10 tomorrow night, any untreated, wet surfaces will quickly freeze. On another note, Friday night's storm continues to look like it misses offshore.

OVERVIEW					
Start Time	End Time	Total	Snow Confidence		
Thursday 3:00 AM - 6:00 AM	Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	1.0 - 2.5" Snow <i>Locally up to 3" in the hills</i>	Coating - 1.0"	15%	
			1.0 - 2.5"	55%	
			2.5 - 5.0"	30%	
PAVEMENT DETAILS	Accumulation	1.0 - 2.5" Snow		First Inch	Gradual Build Up
	Comments	Initially melts on pavement, then rates and falling temps allow for accumulation.			

HAZARDS		
Hazard	Threat	Description
Ice	Moderate	A fair amount of melting today will refreeze late tonight into tomorrow. Snow tonight should melt initially, but falling temps through the event can result in patchy ice.
Snowfall Rate	Moderate	Primarily a steady, light snow, though a window of moderate intensity likely occurs not too long after changing over from any rain.
Blowing Snow	Minimal	Snow begins wet, but trends fluffier and can blow around a bit as the event tapers.
Extreme Cold	Moderate	Post storm, wind chills fall -5 to 0 tomorrow night. It stays frigid Friday.

FORECAST	
Wednesday	Partly sunny, a bit breezy, and milder! High 44 - 48 SW winds 8 - 18 mph, gusts to 25 mph
Wed Night	Becoming cloudy. A few rain showers are possible towards midnight, before rain turns steady and transitions to a period of all snow 2 - 5 AM. <i>Coating - 1.0" of Snow (Pavements can be variable at first) Trace - 0.05" of Rain</i> Temps initially 36 - 40 reach 29 - 33 by dawn SW winds 3 - 8 mph go NW 8 - 18 mph predawn
Thursday	Snow tapers to flurries and ends 9 AM - 12 PM. Then skies turn partly sunny. Colder and breezy. <i>1.0 - 2.5" of Snow (Event total... Locally up to 3.0" in the hills)</i> Temps 29 - 33 settle into the upper 20s NW winds 10 - 18 mph, gusts 25 mph
Thu Night	Partly cloudy to mainly clear. Bitterly cold with a lingering light breeze. Low 7 - 11 (<i>Wind chills -5 to 0</i>)
Friday	Cold as sun filters behind high clouds. Watching a coastal storm to our southeast at night into early Saturday, but most signs point toward a miss and we are likely to simply stay dry. Friday night - early Saturday's storm is looking likely to miss offshore to our southeast. High struggles to top 20 (<i>Wind chills only 'rise' to near 10 above</i>)

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Next Update: Thursday 6 - 7 AM