

BULLETIN UPDATE FOR DISASTER COMMITTEES



WINTER WEATHER WARNINGS JANUARY 2018

YES, it is cold outside! With the winter season comes the weather warnings. We want to help keep you informed and safe and hope you find this information useful.

ADVISORIES, WATCHES, WARNINGS, OH MY!



Knowing the difference between a winter storm watch, warning, or advisory means knowing how much time you have to prepare for the storm.

The National Weather Service (NWS) issues outlooks, watches, warnings and advisories for all winter weather hazards. Here's what they mean and what to do. Use the information below to make an informed decision on your risk and what actions to take.

- **Winter Weather Advisory: Be Aware.** An advisory informs you that winter weather may produce hazardous conditions.
- **Winter Storm Watch: Be Prepared.** A watch means that severe winter conditions may affect your area. NWS issues a watch to provide 12 to 36 hours' notice.
- **Winter Storm Warning: Take Action!** NWS issues a warning when it forecasts four or more inches of snow or sleet in the next 12 hours, six or more inches in 24 hours, or 1/4 inch or more of ice accumulation. Travel will become difficult. Delay your travel plans until conditions improve.
- **Blizzard Warning** lets you know that snow and strong winds will combine to produce a blinding snow (near zero visibility), deep drifts, and life-threatening wind chill.

Listen to your local officials for the latest information. [Watch this video](#)¹ to learn more about preparing for a winter storm. You can also download the [How to Prepare for a Winter Storm Guide](#)² and go to [Ready.gov](#) for information on snowstorms and extreme cold.

¹ Video URL -- <http://bit.ly/Yluf7I>

² Winter Storm Guide URL -- <http://bit.ly/2IVVvZc>

We're Always Here to Answer Questions and Hear Concerns!

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