

Winter Weather Advisories defined:

HEAVY SNOW

N & Central IN: Snow accumulating > 6 inches in 12 hrs or > 8 in. in 24 hrs.

Southern IN: Snow accumulating > 4 inches in 12 hrs or > 6 in. in 24 hrs.

BLIZZARD

Sustained wind or frequent gusts of > 35 mph and considerable falling and/or blowing snow that makes visibility < ¼ mile. These conditions must persist for 3 hrs or longer to be considered a BLIZZARD.

WINTER STORM WATCH

Possibility of one or more of the following may occur:

Blizzard conditions / heavy snow / excessive wind chill / significant accumulations of ice or sleet.

WATCH is usually issued 12 to 36 hrs in advance of the possible event.

WINTER STORM WARNING

Issued when a combination of heavy snow, freezing rain, sleet, blowing & drifting snow or excessive wind chill is expected to occur.

HEAVY SNOW WARNING

May be issued instead of Winter Storm Warning when heavy snow is the only significant weather expected.

ICE STORM WARNING

May be issued instead of a Winter Storm Warning when significant ice accumulations is the only significant winter weather expected.

HIGH WIND WARNING AND ADVISORIES

WARNING – Issued when sustained winds of 40 mph or greater are expected for any duration.

ADVISORY – Issued when sustained winds of 30-39 mph are expected for 1 hr or more OR wind gusts of 45 to 57 mph are expected for any duration. Wind advisories and warnings are NOT associated with thunderstorms.

WIND CHILL WARNINGS AND ADVISORIES

Northern IN – WARNING wind chills of -30 or below ADVISORY wind chills of -20 are expected

Central IN – WARNING wind chills of -25 mph or below ADVISORY wind chills of -15 are expected.

Southern IN – WARNING wind chills of -20 to -25 or below ADVISORY wind chills of -10 are expected.

BLOWING AND/OR DRIFTING SNOW ADVISORY

Issued when blowing snow intermittently reduces visibility to ¼ mile or less. Drifting snow on roads and sidewalks makes travel hazardous.