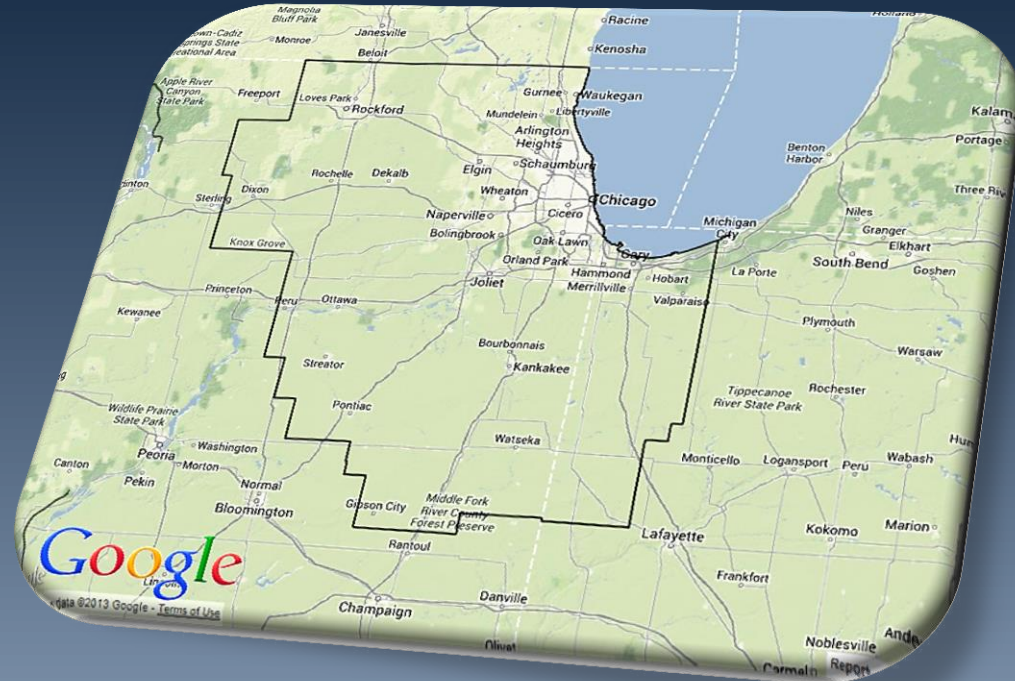




Heavy Snow Thu Eve Thru Fri Eve 2/7/18, 4 PM CST



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Hazards & Impacts



| What | Where | Timing | Impacts | Confidence |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Heavy Snow | Northern Illinois and Northwest Indiana - Along and north of I-80 | Thurs Evening - Fri Evening | Low Visibility and Snow-Covered Roads | Med-High, Med w/ exact placement of highest snow totals |

Impact Legend






Winter Storm Watch



Thursday Evening – Friday Evening



Winter Headlines

 Winter Storm Watch



Forecast Snow Accumulation By Fri 6 AM CST





Forecast Total Snow Accumulation



Thursday Evening – Friday Evening





Snowfall Timing

Along/North of I-80 (In Winter Storm Watch)

Thursday Eve

Friday

Friday Eve

9 pm

6 am

12 pm

6 pm

9 pm



4 - 6 in

3 - 5 in

~ 1 in

Total snow accumulations 6 to 10 inches
Snowfall rates around 1 in/hr possible Fri AM



Confidence

Impact

Low

High

Low

High





Snowfall Timing

Along/South of I-80 (Not in Winter Storm Watch)

Thursday Eve

Wednesday

Wednesday Eve

9 pm

6 am

12 pm

6 pm

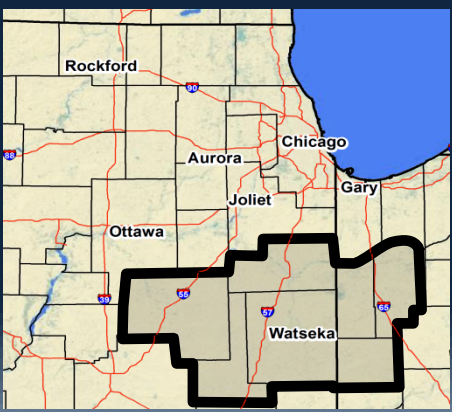
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1 - 3 inches

2 - 4 inches

Less than 1 in

Total snow accumulations 2 to 5 inches



Confidence

Low

High



Impact

Low

High





Additional Notes



Bottom Line

- **Expect significant snowfall amounts that will greatly impact the Friday morning and afternoon commutes**

High Confidence

- **Snowfall occurring across much of northern Illinois and northwest Indiana Thurs eve thru Fri eve**
- **A band of moderate to heavy snow, possibly 1+ in/hr, occurring late Thursday night into Friday morning**

Lower Confidence

- **Exact placement of the axis of highest snowfall**
- **Snowfall amounts around the I-80 corridor & points south**



Additional Accumulating Snow This Weekend



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Snow Continues

Accumulating Snow Likely this Weekend

| THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| flurries | heavy | likely | chance |
| 22 - 28° | 25 - 33° | 19 - 27° | 17 - 23° |
| 0 - 8° | heavy | chance | chance |
| 16 - 21° | 7 - 17° | 3 - 13° | |

**Monitoring for additional
accumulating snow Saturday**
Stay tuned for latest updates



Potential Impacts



**HAZARDOUS
TRAVEL**



**SLOW
TRAVEL**

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Additional Information



NWS Chicago Webpage

weather.gov/chicago

Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook

weather.gov/chicago/ehwo

NWS Winter Weather Safety Tips

weather.gov/chicago/winterprepare

www.nws.noaa.gov/os/winter/

Weather Prediction Center's Winter Outlooks

www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/winter_wx.shtml



Winter Preparedness



Items to have at home:

- **Flashlight and extra batteries**
- **Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio to receive emergency information**
- **Extra food and water (Have high energy food, such as dried fruit, nuts and granola bars, and food requiring no cooking or refrigeration.)**
- **Extra medicine and baby items**
- **Extra food and water for pets**
- **First-aid supplies**
- **A way to keep warm**

**For other tips go to:
ready.gov
illinois.gov/ready**



Road Conditions



Items to have in your car:

- **Mobile phone, charger, batteries**
- **Blankets/sleeping bags**
- **Flashlight with extra batteries**
- **First-aid kit**
- **High-calorie, non-perishable food and water**
- **Extra clothing to keep dry**
- **Sack of sand or cat litter for traction**
- **Shovel & tool kit**
- **Battery booster cables**
- **Compass and road maps**



**For Illinois road conditions
please refer to
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