



NWS Wakefield Winter Storm Briefing

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Winter Storm Overview

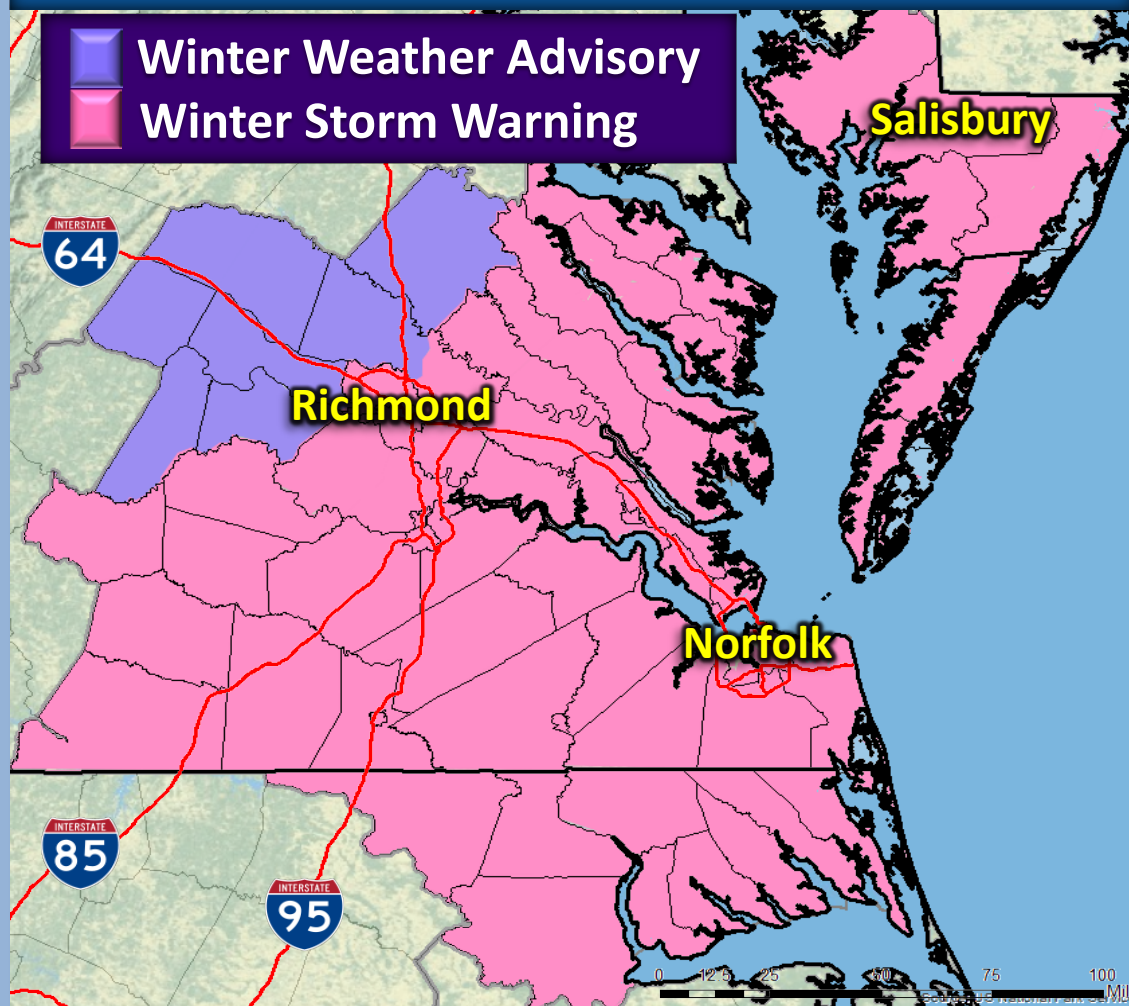
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Active Watches/Warnings/Advisories



Winter Weather Advisory

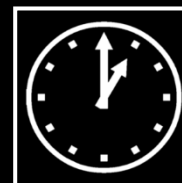
Winter Storm Warning



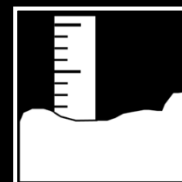
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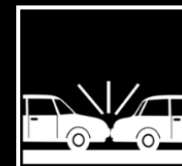
Updates: Winter Storm Warnings are active for much of the local area.



Timing: Snow arrives early Saturday morning and lasts into the afternoon.



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Impacts: Dangerous travel Saturday with heavy snow and gusty winds. Power outages and near-blizzard conditions possible along the coast.

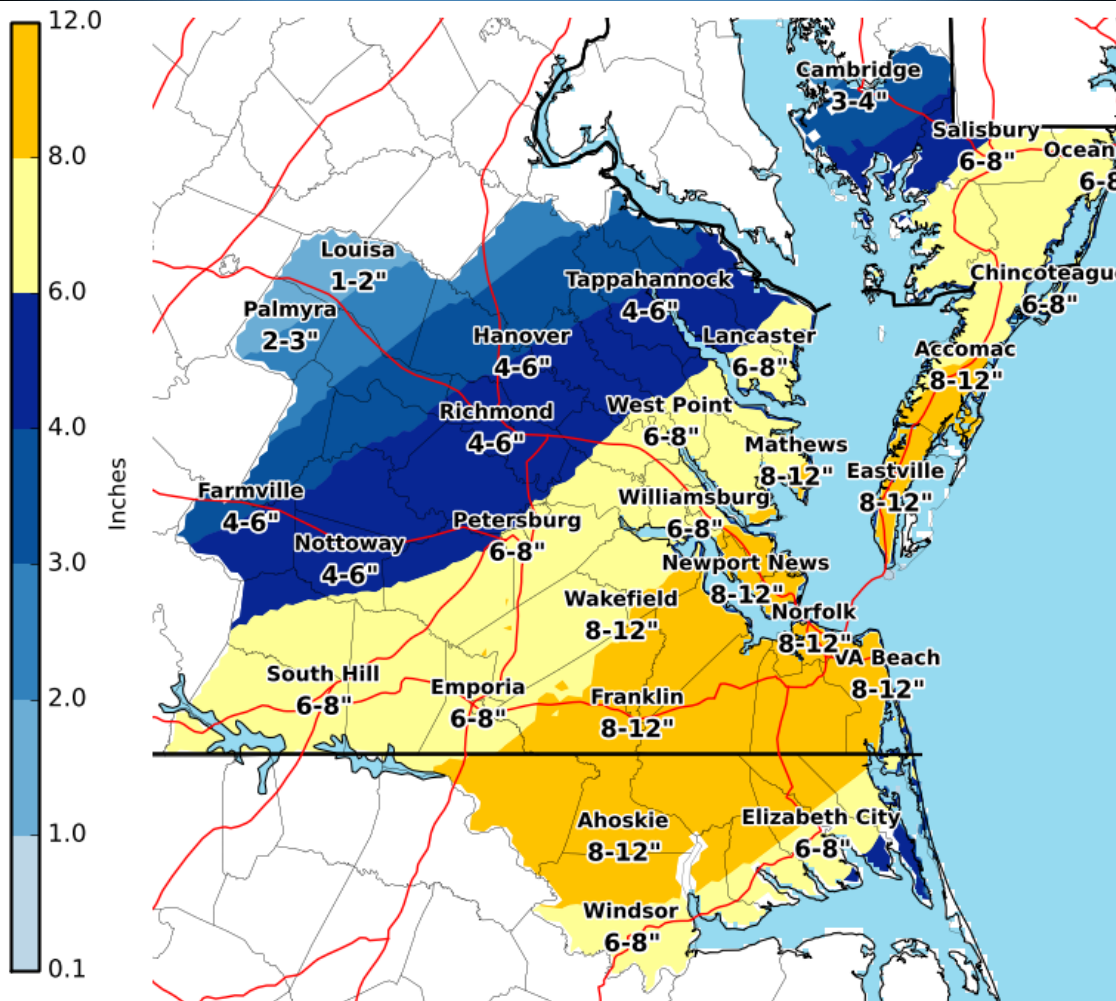




Expected Snow Totals Tonight-Saturday

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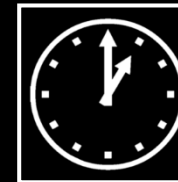
Total Snowfall Tonight & Saturday



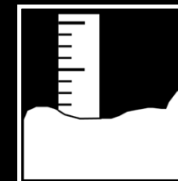
Forecast Details



Updates: Winter Storm Warnings have replaced Winter Storm Watches for most of the area.



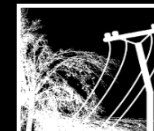
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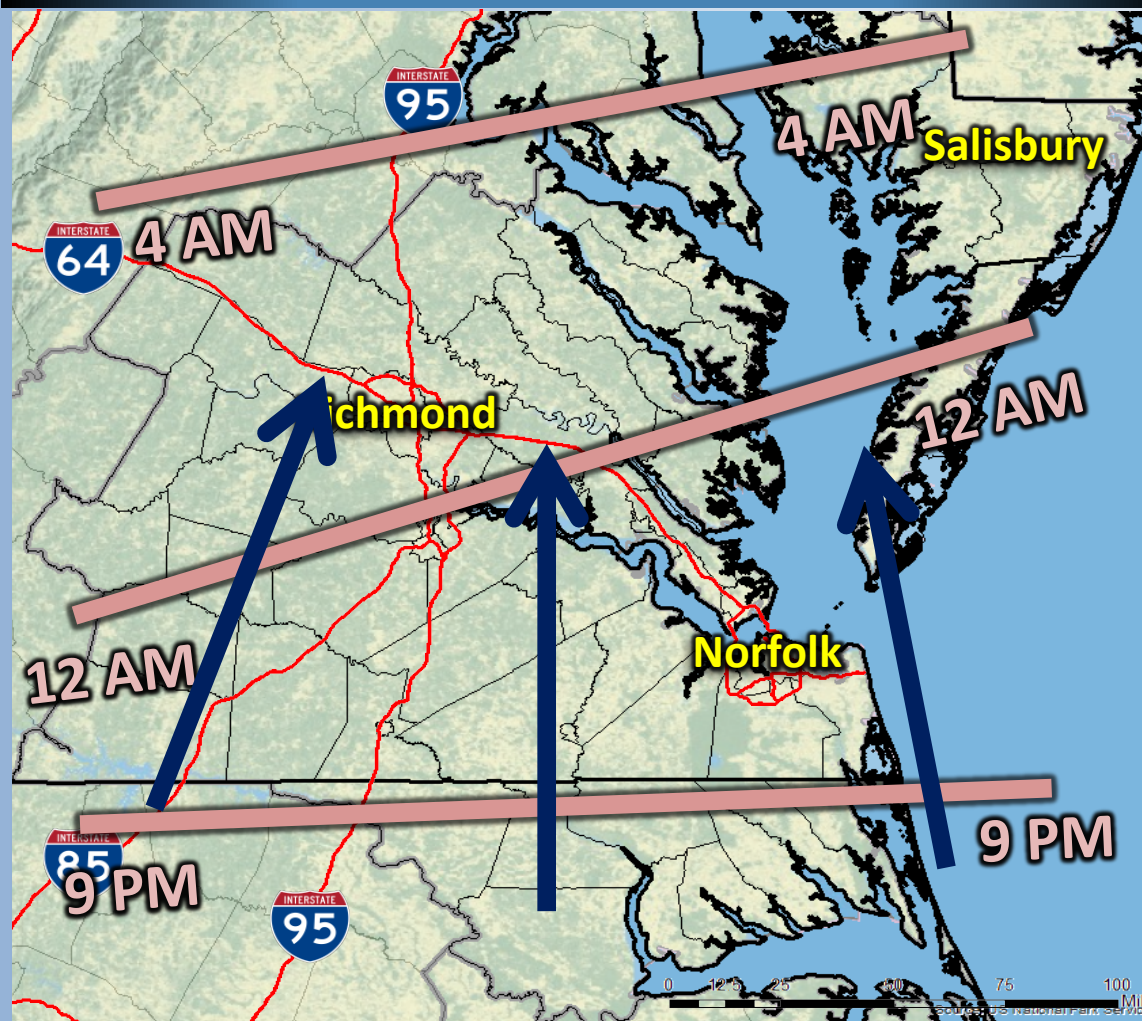




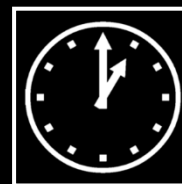
Snow Arrival Time Saturday Morning

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Arrival Time of Snow Fri Night / Sat Morning



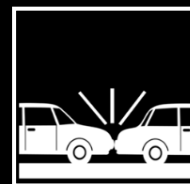
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Timing (Onset of accumulation): Snow flurries and some light snow could begin earlier than projected on the timing map. Snowfall rates will increase after midnight resulting in quick accumulations.



Temperatures: In the 20s will support accumulating snow.



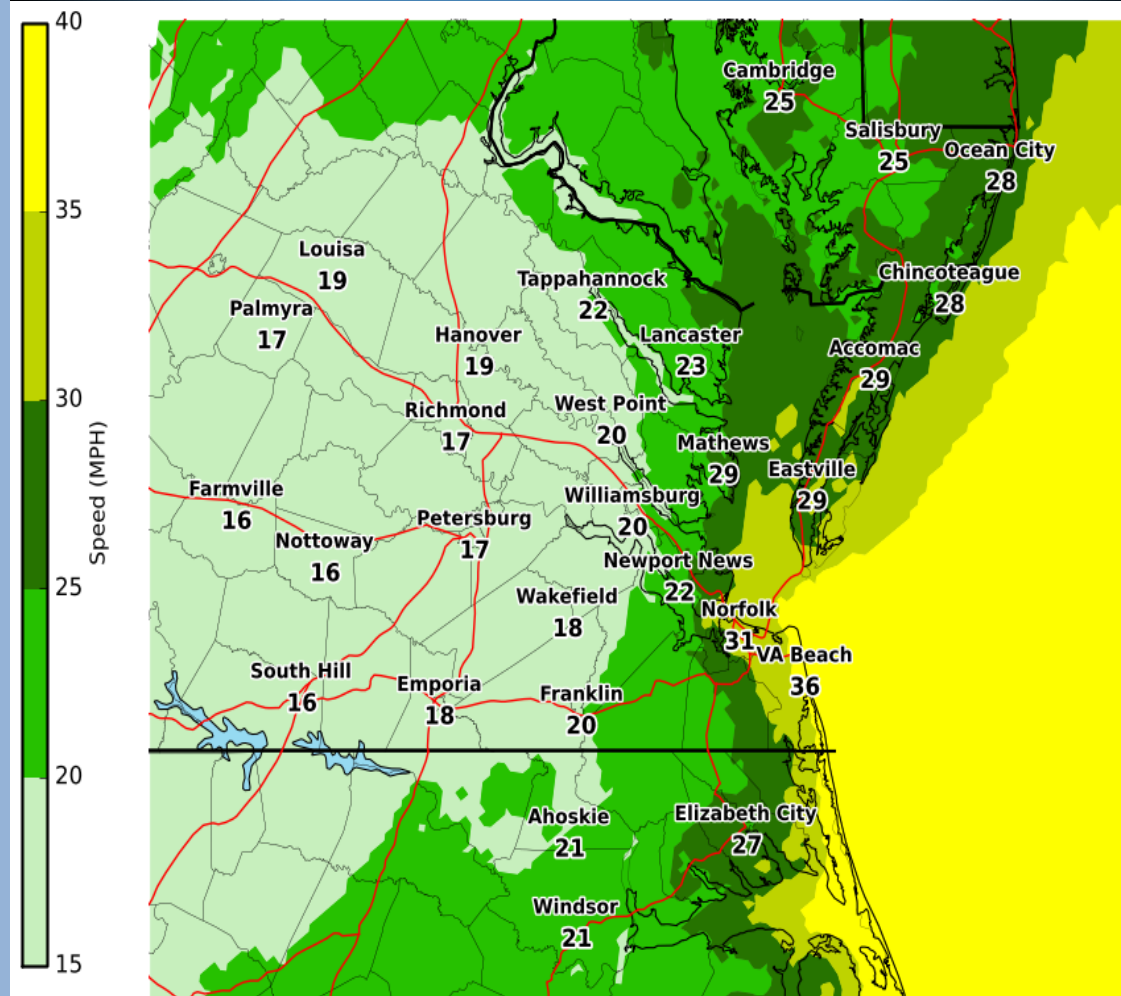
Impacts: Snow will quickly accumulate making for dangerous travel late Friday night and Saturday.



Wind Forecast

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Peak Wind Gusts Saturday



Forecast Details



North winds gusting to 30 to 35 mph along the coast will greatly reduce visibility and cause near-blizzard conditions.

Spotty power outages are possible in areas of the heaviest snow.



Seas quickly build to 6 to 9 feet Saturday with 5 foot waves in the Chesapeake Bay. High seas continue through Sunday.



Event Summary

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Overview: Confidence increasing for a **Significant Winter Storm Saturday** across Central VA, Tidewater, Hampton Roads and Northeast NC. Some uncertainty remains in exact snow totals north and west of Richmond where amounts could be lower than the current forecast.

Period of greatest impact: Early Saturday morning through the entire day.

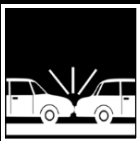
Impacts:



Snow Saturday will be heavy at times across portions of southeast VA and northeast NC.



Heavy snow and gusty winds along the coast may result in some power outages and near-blizzard conditions Saturday in areas of heaviest snow.



Expect rapid accumulations of snow Saturday morning. Due to bitterly cold temperatures, expect prolonged hazardous travel conditions into Sunday and Monday.



References

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