

Flurries - On & Off fall of very light snow usually with good visibility, some sunshine and no accumulation.

Snowshowers- On & Off fall of snow that can vary in intensity. Can go from light shower of snow to no snow, to moderate shower of snow, to no snow. The term shower implies the on and off nature of the fall of snow. Can accumulate to an inch or two but no more. Can be windy as well.

Light Snow - CONTINUOUS fall of snow with accumulation of 1/4 - 1/2 inch per hour.

Moderate Snow - CONTINUOUS fall of snow with accumulation of 1 inch per hour.

Heavy Snow - CONTINUOUS fall of snow with accumulation of 1-2 inches per hour.

1. WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES

- FREEZING RAIN
- 1-2 INCHES OF SNOW IN A 6 HOUR PERIOD OF TIME
- EXTREMELY COLD TEMPS
- EXTREMELY LOW WIND CHILLS

2. SNOW ADVISORY -

Accumulating snow of 2-5 inches within a 12 hour period of time.

3. WINTER STORM WATCH -

Conditions are favorable for hazardous winter weather conditions to develop which include: heavy snow, blizzard conditions or significant accumulations of freezing rain or sleet. Heavy snow is 6 or more inches of snow in a 12 hour period of time. The watch is usually issued 12-36 in advance of a storm.

4. WINTER STORM WARNING -

Above conditions are inevitable and will occur within the next 6 hours.

5. BLIZZARD WARNING - Heavy snow combined with winds in excess of 35 mph.

REMEMBER: A WATCH USUALLY, BUT NOT ALWAYS, PRECEEDS A WARNING.

BIGGEST SNOWSTORMS  
IN CHICAGO HISTORY

23.0 "	JAN 26-27	1967
21.6 "	JAN 2-3	1999
18.8"	JAN 13-14	1979
14.3"	MAR 25-26	1970
12.5"	DEC 19-20	1960
12.1"	JAN 25-26	1978
11.7"	DEC 23-24	1961
11.3"	DEC 23-24	1969
11.2"	FEB 10-11	1981
10.9"	JAN 9-10	1977