



# **Light Snow Tonight, Major Winter** Storm Possible for the Weekend

**Decision Support Briefing #1** As of: 530 AM January 17, 2019



#### What Has Changed?

Winter Storm Watch issued for all of eastern New York and western New England valid Saturday afternoon to Sunday evening

















# **Main Points – Tonight into Friday morning**

Hazard		Impacts	Location	Timing
Snow	*	Light snow of 0.5–2 inches could result in slippery travel for the AM commute	Eastern New York and western New England	Midnight tonight through 9 am Friday





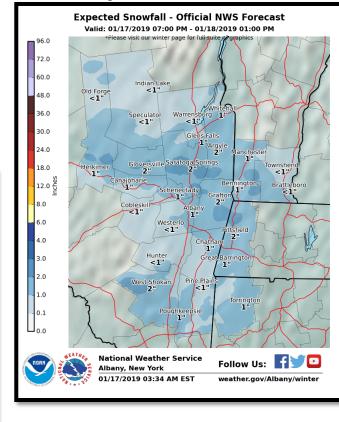




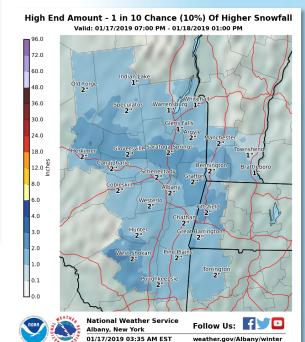


### Probabilistic Snowfall Forecast – Tonight/Friday AM

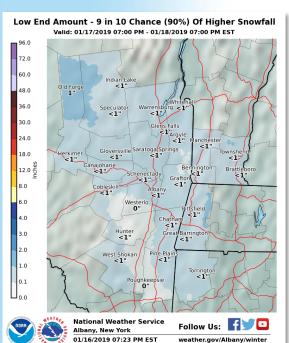
**Expected Snowfall** 



#### **High End Amount**



#### **Low End Amount**



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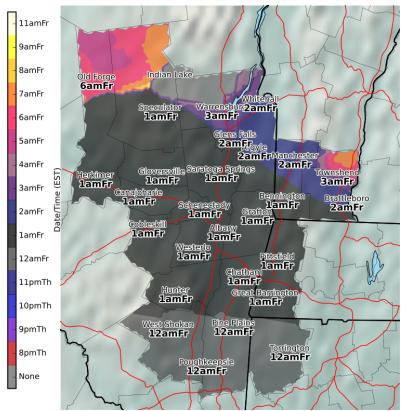




### **Snow Starting & Ending Times Tonight/Friday**

#### Winter Precipitation Onset Time

Valid: 01/17/2019 03:00 AM - 01/20/2019 03:00 PM EST







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#### Winter Precipitation End Time Valid: 01/17/2019 03:00 AM - 01/20/2019 03:00 PM EST 12pmFr 11amFr Indian Lake Old Forge 10amFr Ongoing Warrensburg/amFr 5amFr Speculator 9amFr 5amFr 8amFr 7amFr. 8amFrManchester 11amFr Gloversville Saratoga Springs 7amFr Townshend 7amFr 8amFr 11amEr Brattleboro 6amFr 7amFr 11amFr 8amFr 7amFr 11amF 5amFr 7amFr 8amFr Westerlo 7amFr 4amFr Chatham 9amFr 8amFr 3amFr **Great Barrington** 7amFr 8amFr 2amFr West Shokan 8amFr 7amFr Ongoing Torrington 8amFr Poughkeepsie 8amFr None





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# **Event Summary – Light Snow Tonight**

- Confidence is **HIGH** that this event will occur and **MODERATE** on expected impacts
- Period of greatest impact: Late tonight into early Friday morning



Light snow of 0.5–2 inches could result in slippery travel for the AM commute for all of eastern New York and western New England













# **Main Points – Saturday and Sunday**

Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
Heavy Snow	Heavy snow possibly in excess of 9 inches may result in difficult to impossible travel conditions.	Eastern New York and western New England	Saturday afternoon into Sunday evening
Freezing Rain	Ice accretion possibly up to two tenths of an inch could result in isolated power outages	Mid Hudson Valley and northwest Connecticut	Saturday night into Sunday afternoon
Blowing Snow	Reduced visibility	Eastern New York and western New England	Sunday evening into Sunday night
Wind Chill	Increased risk for frostbite and hypothermia	Eastern New York and western New England	Sunday night into Monday







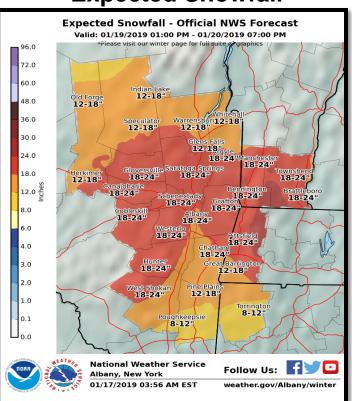






### Probabilistic Snowfall Forecast – This Weekend

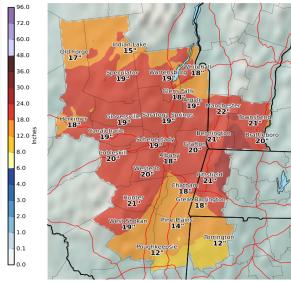
**Expected Snowfall** 



**Note**: High End Amount only goes through 7 am Sunday, actual high end amount is higher than shown

#### **High End Amount**





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**Low End Amount** 

Westerli 11"

Hunter 12"

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72.0

60.0

48.0

36.0

30.0

24.0

18.0

8.0

6.0

3.0 2.0

Low End Amount - 9 in 10 Chance (90%) Of Higher Snowfall

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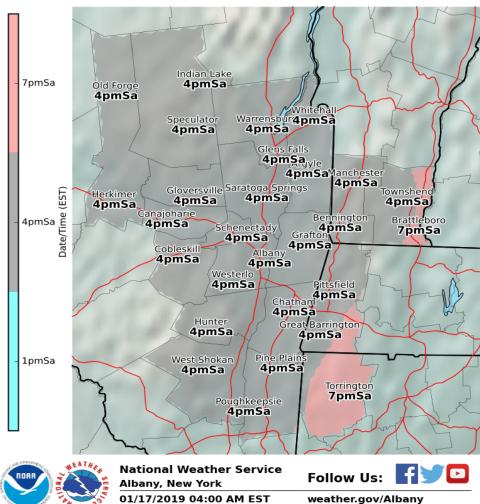




# Most likely time of snowfall onset: Saturday

#### **Winter Precipitation Onset Time**

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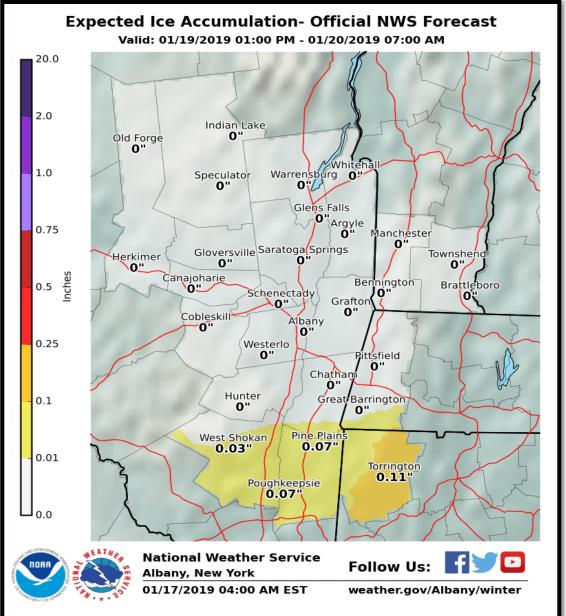












### **Impacts and Timing:**

✓ Snow may turn to sleet and freezing rain Saturday night into Sunday afternoon for the Mid-Hudson Valley and northwestern Connecticut, Isolated power outages may be possible.









### **Event Summary – Major Winter Storm Possible this Weekend**

- Confidence is **HIGH** that this event will occur and **MODERATE** on expected impacts
- Period of greatest impact: Saturday afternoon into Sunday evening



Heavy snow is expected to begin Saturday afternoon, becoming heavy at times Saturday evening into Sunday. Totals possibly in excess of 9 inches may cause travel to become difficult to impossible.



Snow may mix with sleet and freezing rain for the Mid-Hudson Valley and northwestern Connecticut Saturday night into Sunday afternoon, possibly resulting in isolated power outages.



Gusty winds Sunday evening into Sunday night may lead to areas of blowing snow resulting in reduced visibilities



Bitterly cold wind chills are possible Sunday night into Monday, which would result in increased risk of hypothermia and frostbite.









**Contact and Next Briefing Information** 

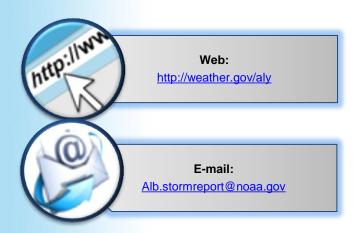


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