

OVERVIEW:

- Rain changes to a wintry mix of sleet and snow Friday morning, possibly a brief period of light freezing rain
- Flash freeze possible as temperatures quickly drop below freezing
- Greatest travel impact to the Friday AM commute near and north of MA Pike (I-90) and possibly to Friday PM commute

TIMING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Change to wintry mix with possible flash freeze starting 4-6 AM along/north of Route 2, then 6-8 AM in Hartford, Worcester, and Boston, 8-10 AM in Providence. and 12-3 PM South Coast/Cape Cod/Islands.
HAZARDS & IMPACTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Slippery travel during the Friday AM commute and possibly PM commute, especially near and north of Mass Pike ▪ Any freezing rain is not expected to cause significant icing on trees/wires
NWS ALERTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Winter Storm Watch in MA near and north of the MA Pike. ▪ This is the area of highest confidence on storm impacts and snow/sleet totals but travel impacts are also possible outside the Watch area
FORECAST CHALLENGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timing of changeover to sleet/snow which depends on how quickly the cold air arrives. This affects snow/sleet totals which may be adjusted slightly upward in updated forecasts if the colder air arrives sooner.

POST-EVENT OUTLOOK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dry and colder Saturday. Highs in the 20s. NW winds 15-25 mph.
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NEXT BRIEFING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By 6 PM Wednesday
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