

Precipitation

Corvallis receives around 40 inches of precipitation a year, half of which occurs from November to January.

The probability of precipitation during 24-hour period reaches 55% in winter, but less than 10% during the summer. Several days occur in July and August on which precipitation has never been recorded.

In spite of dry sunny summers, forests thrive throughout Corvallis. Many species of trees and bushes flourish with no supplemental water, due to the storage of water deep in the soil. However, surface soil dries out in the summer and gardens require watering between July and September.

Snowfall is rare in Corvallis,



typically less than one inch per year, but heavy in the nearby Cascades where the ski season extends from November to May.

The four seasons in Corvallis provide a wonderful background for the many outdoor activities residents enjoy pursuing.

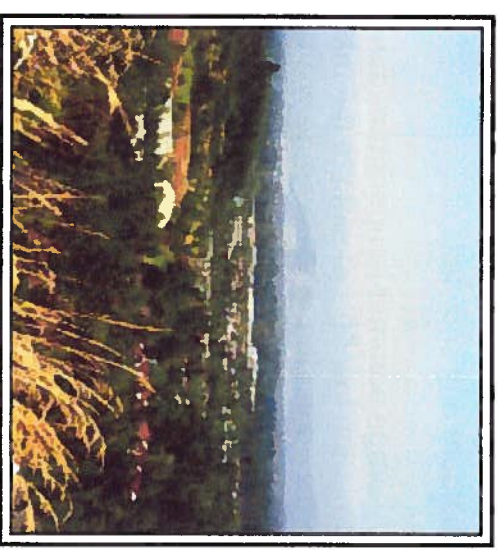


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The Weather In Corvallis



Seasonal Changes

Corvallis exhibits four distinct seasons, giving our city variety as well as beauty all year. Spring offers explosions of color, summer is reliably



warm and dry (rarely hot, never humid), autumn treats residents to thousands of trees turning color, and winter is mild with seldom any snowfall.

Average summer temperatures range from the low 50's at night to the mid-80's during the day. Average winter temperatures range from the mid-30's at night to the upper 40's during the day.

Temperature (°F)

Month	Average	Extremes	
		Max.	Min.
January	40	47	34
February	43	51	35
March	47	56	38
April	50	61	40
May	56	67	44
June	61	73	49
July	67	81	52
August	67	82	52
September	62	77	48
October	54	65	42
November	46	53	38
December	40	46	34
Annual	53	63	42

Sunshine

The sun shines on Corvallis around 20% of January mornings and 70% of August mornings. The chance of clear skies is greater in the afternoons year round and sunshine is more frequent at higher elevations, above fog line.



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Corvallis has a surprisingly high level of available solar energy. The atmosphere is generally free of pollution, which allows for good visibility and little reduction of sunshine. Corvallis receives the greatest amount of solar energy in the summer. In July, for instance, Corvallis receives more solar energy than Phoenix, Tucson, and most locations east of the Rocky Mts.

Fog

Early morning fog occurs frequently throughout late fall and early winter. Corvallis averages 30 days of fog a year and the fog typically burns off during the day. Fog occurs less frequently in the northern and western parts of town.

Winds

Wind is generally light in Corvallis, averaging four miles per hour, and high winds are rare. Corvallis is protected from strong winds by the Coast Range to the west and a range of hills to the north. Winds from the east and south while infrequent, are often higher. During late spring and summer, an ocean breeze is common in the late afternoon and early evenings.

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Month	Mean	# of days with at least:		
		.10"	.50"	1.00"
January	6.5	12	4	1
February	5.7	12	4	1
March	4.6	12	3	0.4
April	2.9	8	1	0.2
May	2.3	7	1	0.1
June	1.5	4	0.6	0.1
July	0.6	2	0.3	0
August	0.7	2	0.4	0.1
September	1.5	4	0.9	0.2
October	3.0	7	2	0.3
November	6.9	14	5	1
December	7.4	13	6	1
Annual	43.7	97	28	7