



Situation Update 01-23-26

Franklin County is expected to receive approximately 7 inches of snow through the weekend.

Snow is forecast to begin around 7:00 PM tonight, with 2–3 inches on the ground by 6:00 AM Saturday. Snowfall will taper off briefly Saturday morning, then intensify again Saturday afternoon, continuing through Sunday morning.

In addition to the snow, dangerously cold temperatures will impact the area. Air temperatures will remain in the single digits, with wind chills dropping as low as -15°F throughout the weekend.

Current Watches and Warnings

URGENT - WEATHER MESSAGE

National Weather Service Topeka KS
312 AM CST Fri Jan 23, 2026

...COLD WEATHER ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 6 PM THIS EVENING TO NOON CST MONDAY...

- * WHAT...Very cold wind chills as low as 20 below expected.
- * WHERE...Portions of central, east central, north central, and northeast Kansas.
- * WHEN...From 6 PM this evening to noon CST Monday.
- * IMPACTS...The dangerously cold wind chills as low as 20 below zero could cause frostbite on exposed skin in as little as 30 minutes.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

Use caution while traveling outside. Wear appropriate clothing, a hat, and gloves.

Hazardous Weather Outlook

National Weather Service Topeka KS
335 AM CST Fri Jan 23, 2026

This Hazardous Weather Outlook is for portions of central Kansas, east central Kansas, north central Kansas, and northeast Kansas.

. DAY ONE...Today and Tonight

Very cold temperatures and wind chills arrive today. Locations north of Interstate 70 are expected to see wind chills as low as 20 degrees below zero this morning. These wind chills spread south of Interstate 70 late tonight into early Saturday.

A winter storm is forecast to begin this evening with snowfall becoming widespread across the area overnight. 2 to 4 inches could fall by sunrise Saturday morning.

. DAYS TWO THROUGH SEVEN...Saturday through Thursday

The coldest time frames will be Saturday and Monday mornings when wind chills are forecast to fall to 15 to 20 degrees below zero.

Snowfall will continue through Saturday morning with a possible lull Saturday afternoon before another round of snowfall Saturday night into Sunday morning. Total snowfall of 5 to 8 inches is expected along and south of Interstate 70, where a Winter Storm Warning has been issued. Slightly lower amounts of 3 to 5 inches are expected towards the Nebraska border, where a Winter Weather Advisory has been issued.

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE

National Weather Service Topeka KS
317 AM CST Fri Jan 23, 2026

...WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 6 PM THIS EVENING
TO 6 PM CST SUNDAY...

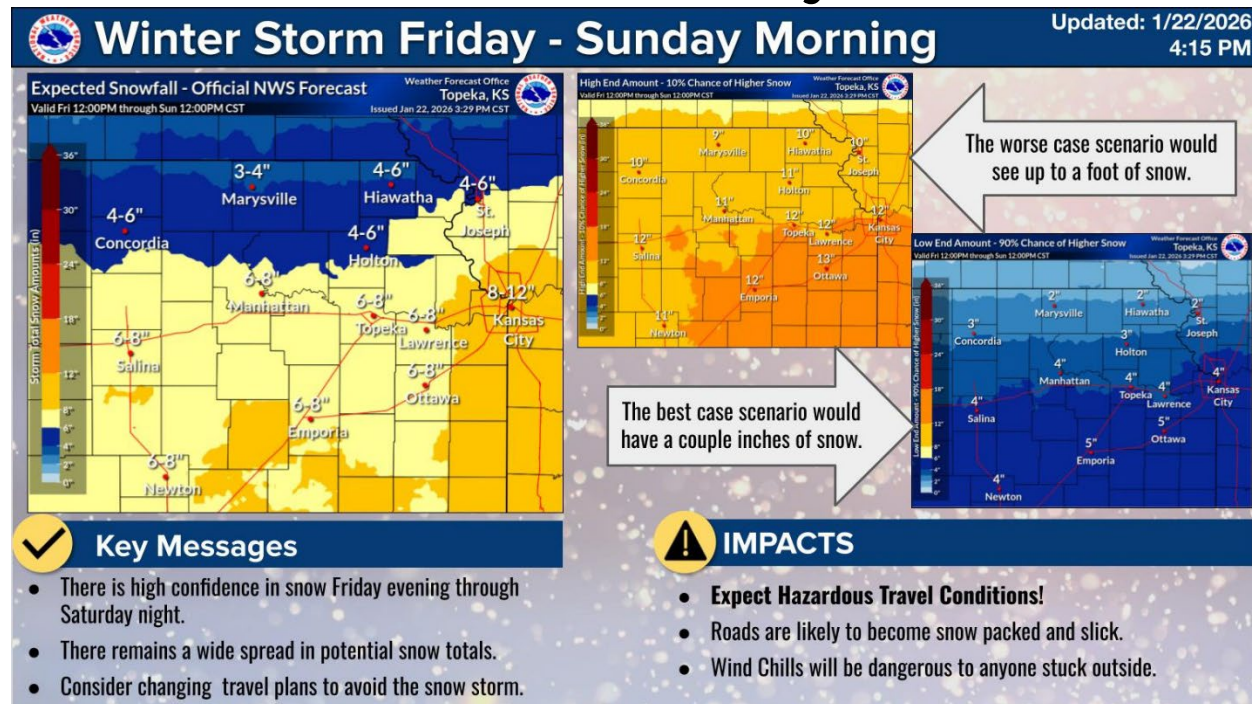
- * WHAT...Heavy snow expected. Total snow accumulations between 5 and 8 inches.
- * WHERE...Portions of central, east central, north central, and northeast Kansas.
- * WHEN...From 6 PM this evening to 6 PM CST Sunday.
- * IMPACTS...Roads, and especially bridges and overpasses, will likely become slick and hazardous. Travel could be very difficult.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

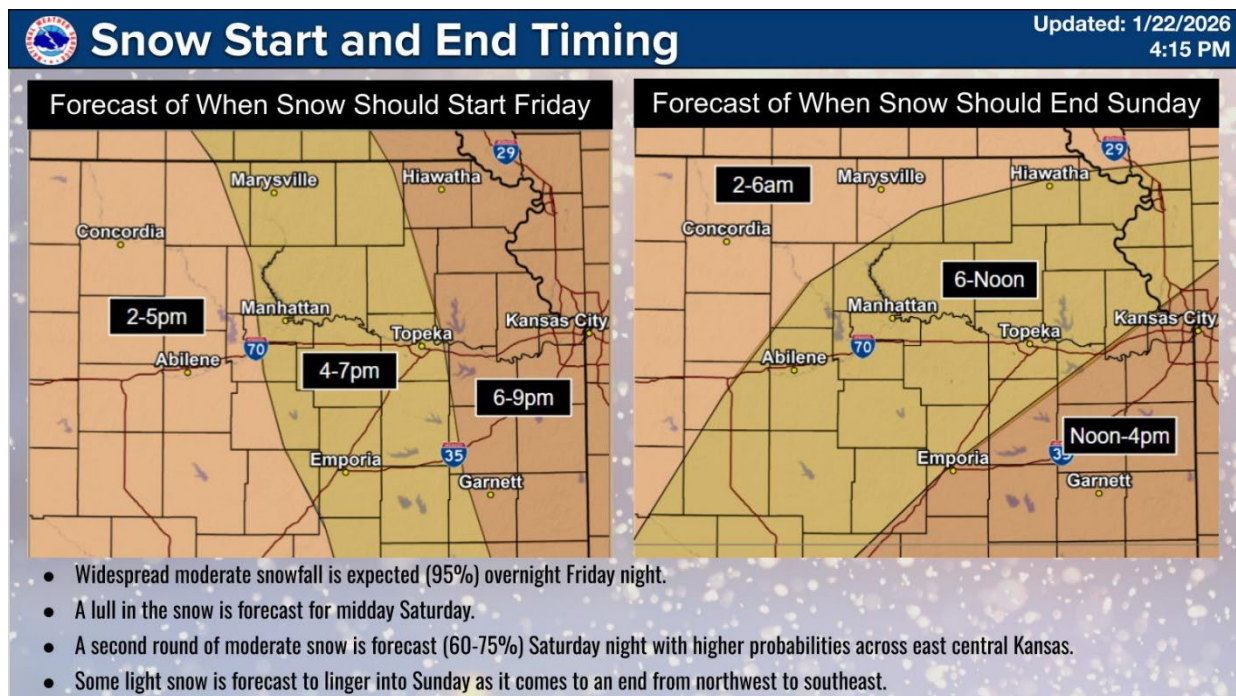
If you must travel, keep an extra flashlight, food, and water in

your vehicle in case of an emergency. The latest road conditions for the state you are calling from can be obtained by calling 511.

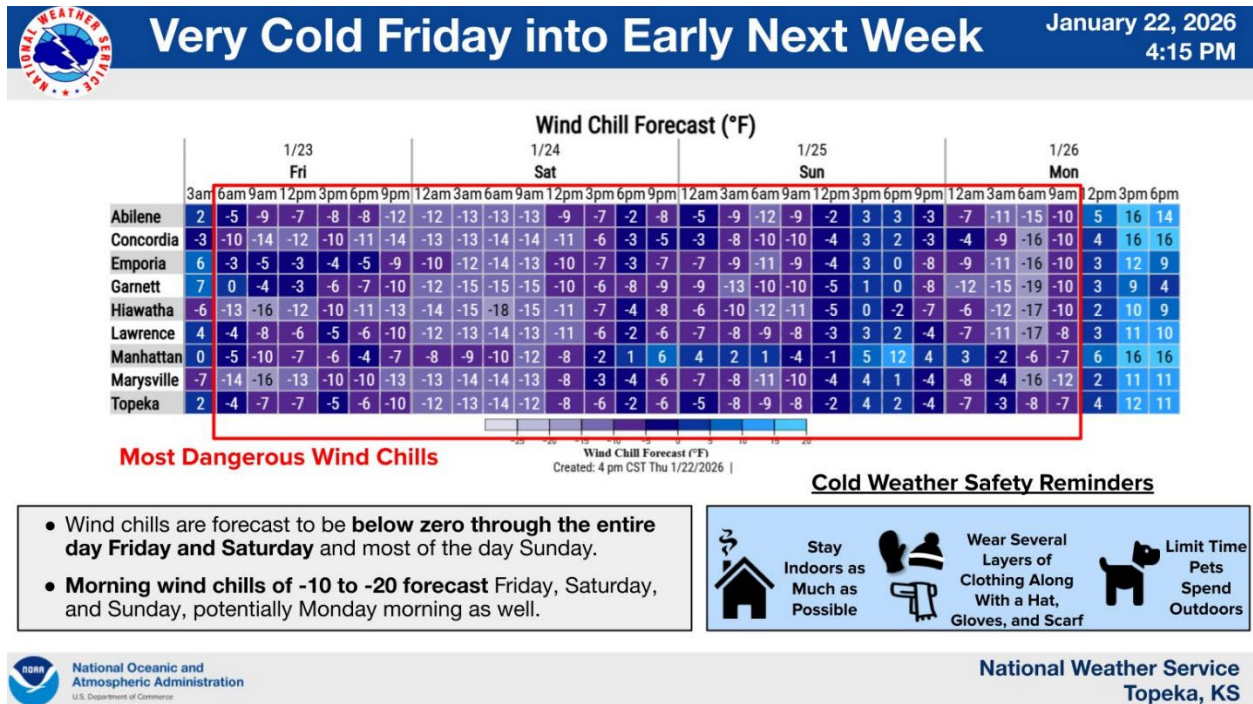
Weather Story



Confidence is high the area will see snow Friday evening through Saturday night. But there remains a widespread in the potential snow amounts with the storm. Best case is we only see a couple inches of snow. Worse case is that some places get up to a foot of snow. Bottom line is the actual amounts will vary. Prepare for hazardous travel conditions this weekend and alter travel plans to avoid the snowstorm if possible.

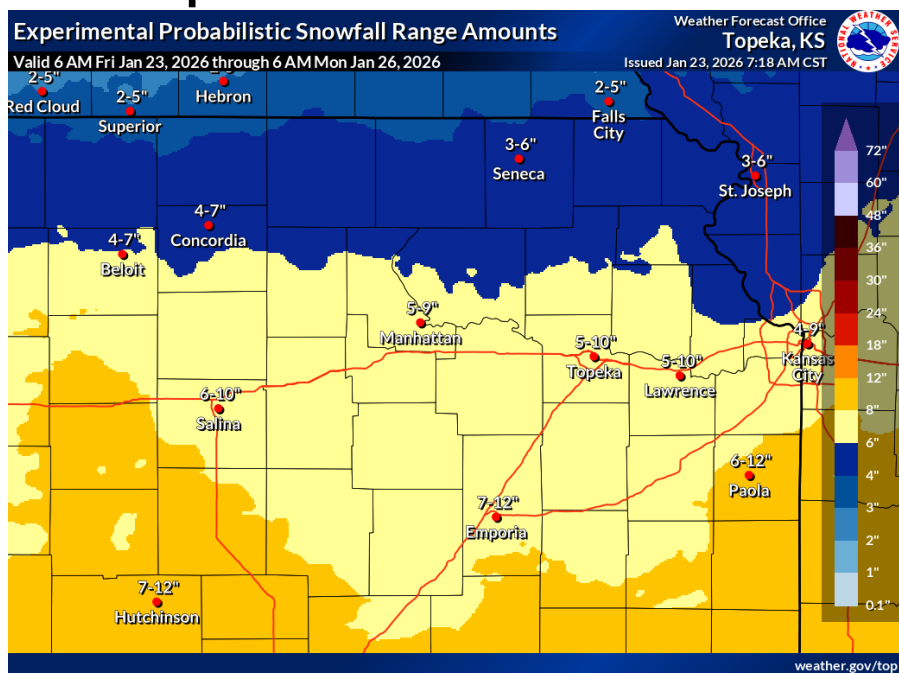


The snow is forecast to come in two waves. The snow is expected to begin through Friday afternoon and evening with widespread moderate snow possible overnight Friday. There could be a lull in the snow midday Saturday before the second wave moves through Saturday night. Some light snow is forecast to linger into Sunday as it ends from northwest to southeast.



An arctic airmass moves in tonight bringing sub-zero wind chills to the region this weekend. Frostbite to unprotected skin can occur in as little as 30 minutes in these kinds of temperatures. Stay indoors this weekend and if you must go out, dress in multiple layers including a hat and gloves.

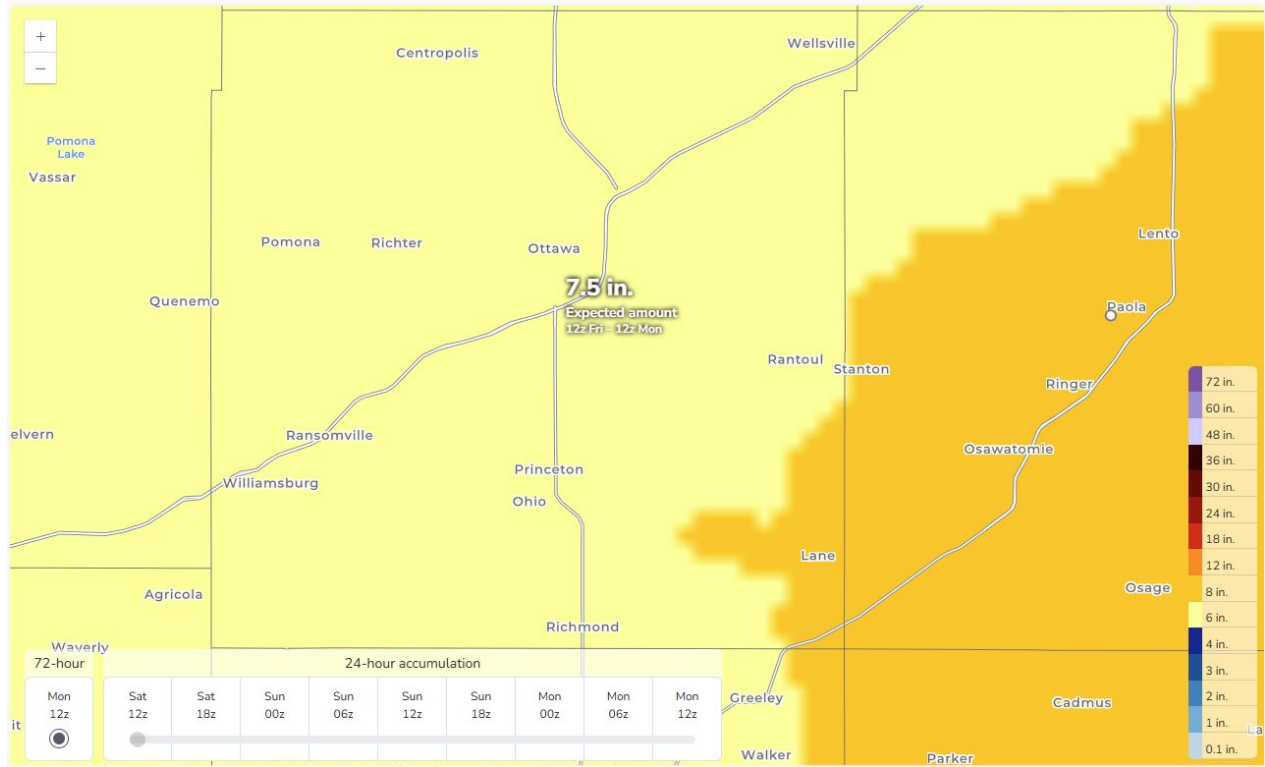
Expected Snow Forecast



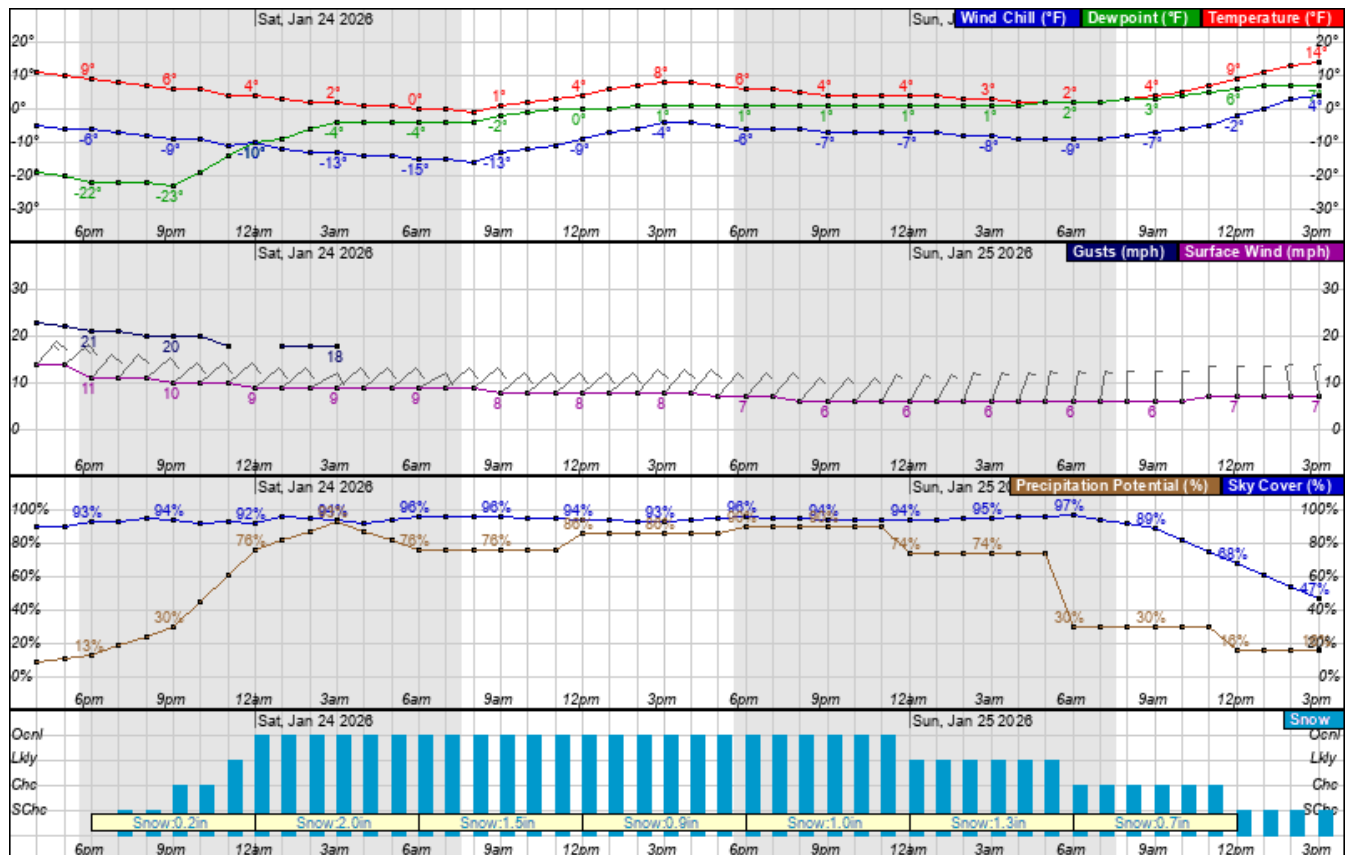
Expected Amount of Snowfall

72-hour accumulation: 12z Fri, Jan 23 to 12z Mon, Jan 26

13z Fri, Jan 23, 2026 Forecast Cycle



Plotter



5 Day Forecast

Today: Cloudy, with a high near 13. Wind chill values between -3 and -8. Northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Snow, mainly after 11pm. Low around -1. Wind chill values between -6 and -14. Northeast wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Saturday: Snow. High near 8. Wind chill values between -6 and -16. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Saturday Night: Snow. Low around 1. Wind chill values between -4 and -9. Northeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 15. North wind around 5 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around -8. Northwest wind around 5 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 20. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 8. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 32. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 6.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 29.










Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 1.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 23.

Preparedness

Winter Preparedness Checklist

 Home Winter Preparedness Checklist 		
<input type="checkbox"/>  Select Foods See Additional Checklist	<input type="checkbox"/>  Warm Clothing Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots	<input type="checkbox"/>  Flashlights & Extra Batteries
<input type="checkbox"/>  Disposable Dishware Plates, Bowls, Utensils	<input type="checkbox"/>  Extra Blankets	<input type="checkbox"/>  First Aid Kit
<input type="checkbox"/>  Specialty Items Meds, Infant Formula, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>  Matches For Candles & Gas Fireplaces	<input type="checkbox"/>  Cell Phone Fully Charged
<input type="checkbox"/>  Portable Radio AM/FM/Wx Radio & Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/>  Shovel/Snow Blower Check condition & maintain	<input type="checkbox"/>  Firewood For Wood Fireplaces

 Car Winterization Checklist 	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Check Engine Fluid Levels Oil, Coolant, Washer Fluid, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>  Inspect Tire Tread Replace if Near Wear Limit
<input type="checkbox"/>  Test Battery Replace if Necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>  Install Snow Tires if You Own a Set
<input type="checkbox"/>  Use Deicing Washer Fluid Clean Windshield at Low Temps	<input type="checkbox"/>  Test Headlights & Taillights
<input type="checkbox"/>  Switch to Synthetic Oil Handles the Cold Better	<input type="checkbox"/>  Add & Inspect Winter Survival Kit

 Home Winter Survival Food Checklist 	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Canned Fruits and Vegetables Requires a Manual Can Opener	<input type="checkbox"/>  Bread and Condiments Keep Bread Frozen to Last Longer
<input type="checkbox"/>  Crackers, Nuts, Fruit Bars, Chips High Energy Foods	<input type="checkbox"/>  Cereal and Toaster Pastries
<input type="checkbox"/>  Soups Some Soups Require Water or Heating	<input type="checkbox"/>  Meals Ready to Eat (MREs)
<input type="checkbox"/>  Cookies and Hard Candy	<input type="checkbox"/>  Bottled Water 1 gallon per person, per day (for at least 3 days)

 Car Winter Survival Kit Checklist 		
<input type="checkbox"/>  Flashlight & Extra Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/>  Blankets/Sleeping Bag	<input type="checkbox"/>  Extra Clothing Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots
<input type="checkbox"/>  First Aid Kit	<input type="checkbox"/>  Non-Perishable Food Granola Bars, Dried nuts, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>  Sand/Kitty Litter Used for Traction
<input type="checkbox"/>  Snow Shovel	<input type="checkbox"/>  Bottled Water	<input type="checkbox"/>  Cell Phone & Charger
<input type="checkbox"/>  Ice Scraper with Brush	<input type="checkbox"/>  Booster Cables	<input type="checkbox"/>  Flares/Triangles & other Bright Objects