

Winter Weather Briefing

For Northern Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania

Decision Support Briefing #6

→ As of 7:00 AM Saturday, November 30, 2024



Important Updates

- → Lake Effect Snow Warning has been extended for Erie County, PA and Ashtabula and Lake Counties in Ohio through 7 AM Tuesday, December 3.
- → An additional 8 to 15" of snow is expected in Lake and Ashtabula Counties and 10 to 20" of snow is expected in Erie County through 1 AM Sunday.
- → A new Winter Storm Watch has been issued for Crawford County, PA and Cuyahoga and Geauga Counties in Ohio for Noon Sunday through 7 PM Monday.
- → A large area of 6 to 15" of new snow is expected across Northeast Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania for Sunday and Monday with the greatest impacts on Sunday evening through Monday morning.





Overview

What to expect:

- → A significant, multi-day lake effect snow event off Lake Erie is ongoing.
- → Heavy lake effect snow bands have <u>already produced a total of 12-36+"</u> of snow across far Northeast Ohio and Northwest PA with significant travel impacts to Interstates 90, 86, and 79.
- → Snow bands will continue over the next 18-24 hours across the lakeshore areas of far NE OH and NW PA. **Snowfall totals today** will be in the range of **8 to 20 inches** with the highest amounts where bands persist.
- → A brief break in lake effect snow will occur tonight as the main band moves offshore.
- → Lake effect snow will return for <u>Sunday and Monday</u> and a large area of <u>6 to 15" of</u> <u>new snow</u> is expected across Northeast Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania with the greatest impacts on Sunday evening through Monday morning.



Main Points

Hazard		Impacts	Location	Timing
Snow	**	Rapid snow accumulation with 1-2" per hour snowfall rates and low visibility will pose a travel risk to the area.	Far Northeast Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania	Through Tonight Returning Sunday through Tuesday
Wind		Wind gusts to 35 mph will cause blowing and drifting snow and poor visibility.	Northeast Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania	Through Tuesday
Cold		Below normal temperatures are expected with lows in the teens at night. Wind chills will be in the single digits and present a threat of exposure, if unprepared.	All of Northern Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania	Nightly through Tuesday Night





Winter Weather Headlines





Valid Time

Through 10 AM Saturday



NWS Winter Headlines

- Lake Effect Snow Warning remains for Erie and Crawford Counties in Pennsylvania and Ashtabula, Geauga, and Lake Counties in Ohio
- → Winter Weather Advisory for Cuyahoga County has been cancelled early



Winter Weather Headlines





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- → Winter Storm Watch has been issued for Crawford County, PA and Cuyahoga and Geauga Counties in Ohio from Noon Sunday through 7 PM Monday
- → Lake effect snow is expected to continue with a very short break for the Lake Effect Snow Warning counties.
- → For the Winter Storm Watch counties, there will be a large gap in impactful, accumulating snowfall on Saturday and the headlines are now focused on Sunday and Monday.





Forecast Snowfall - Through Sat PM





Forecast Time Frame

Through 1 AM Sunday



Forecast Amounts

An additional 8-20" of new snow is expected in the I-90 corridor of eastern Lake county, northern Ashtabula County, and Erie County, PA. There will be a sharp gradient in snow south of I-90.



Impacts

- → Travel impacts are already being felt across the region along Interstates 90, 86, and 79 in NE OH and NW PA.
- → Snowfall rates of 1-2" per hour will continue to make travel difficult across the region and increase difficulty of road recovery today.





Forecast Snowfall - Sun AM to Mon PM November 30, 2024 6:13 AM





Forecast Time Frame

7 AM Sunday to 7 PM Monday



Forecast Overview

- → Winds will shift to the northwest on Sunday and heavy snow will return to the area for Sunday and Monday.
- → Map on left shows the snow forecast for 36 hour period from 7 AM Sunday to 7 PM Monday. Snow during this period will occur at a lower rate, generally one inch per hour or less. Uncertainty remains regarding where the snow bands will be most persistent.
- → Winter headlines have been adjusted to include this time period.





Remaining Event Total Snow Forecast November 30, 2024 6:13 AM

For 1 AM Sat Nov 30 to 7 AM Tue Dec 3





Total Snow Forecast

- Forecast snow map on the left reflects the <u>additional</u> <u>snowfall</u> expected across the region through 7 AM Tuesday.
- → Through Friday Night, areas of Northeast Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania have received 1 to 2.5 feet of snow.
- → With the addition of 1 to 3+ feet of new snow through Tuesday morning, totals across the region could reach 4 to 6 feet for the event total.

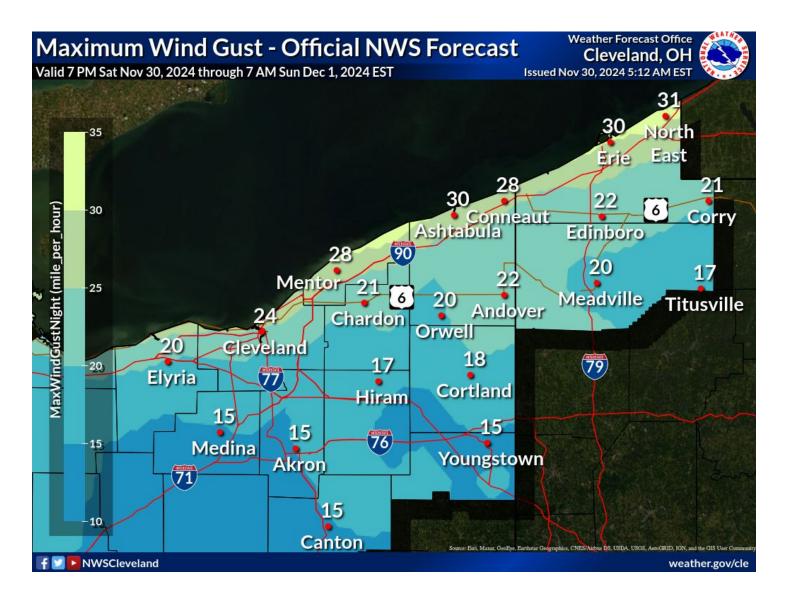


Wind Gust Forecast - Today/Tonight

Tonight

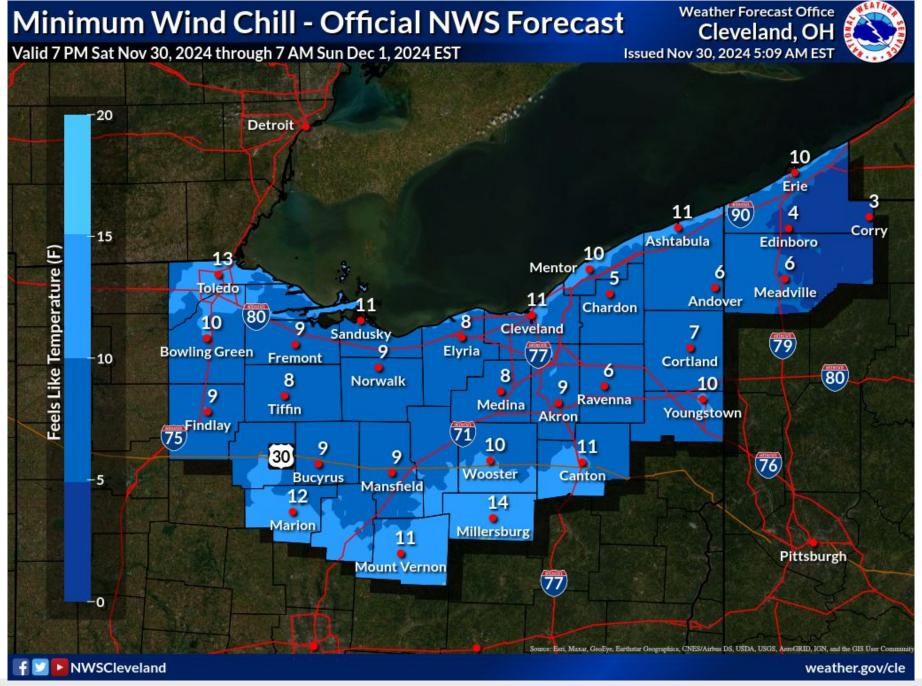
Weather Forecast Office **Maximum Wind Gust - Official NWS Forecast** Cleveland, OH Valid 7 AM Sat Nov 30, 2024 through 7 PM Sat Nov 30, 2024 EST Issued Nov 30, 2024 5:11 AM EST Corry Max Wind Gusts (mile_per_hour) Edinbóro Meadville Titusville Chardon Orwell eleveland 79 Elyria Cortland Hiram 76 Medina Youngstown Akron Canton NWSCleveland

Tomorrow



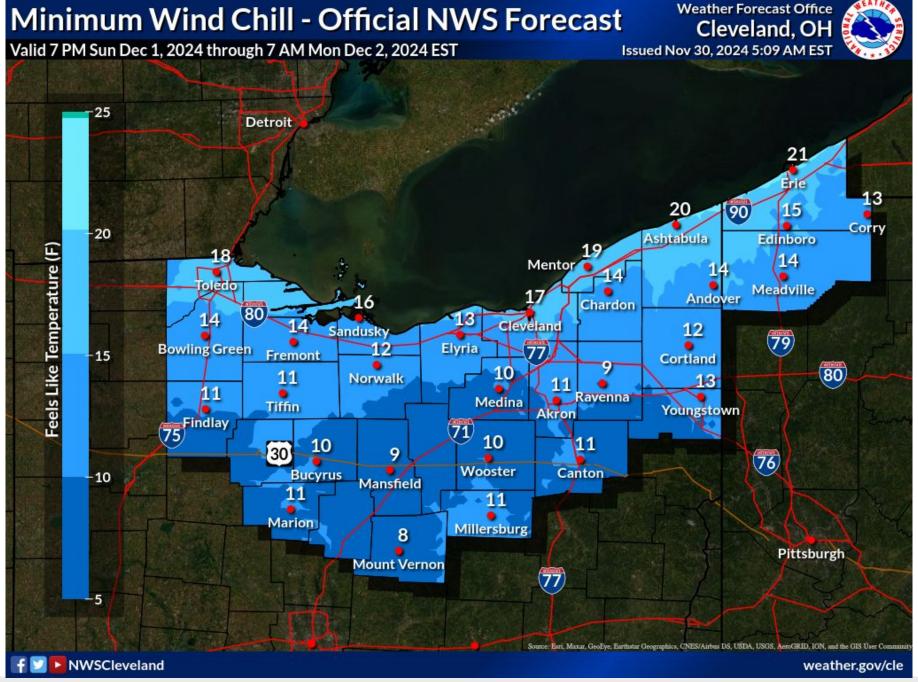


Wind Chill Forecast - Tonight





Wind Chill Forecast - Sunday Night



Summary

Key Messages:

- A significant, multi-day lake effect snow event off Lake Erie is **ongoing** and has caused significant travel impacts across far Northeast Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania.
- → An additional 8-20" of new snow is expected across the I-90 corridor of Erie County, PA and Ashtabula and eastern Lake Counties, OH through tonight.
- → Another round of heavy lake effect snow is expected on Sunday and Monday and will be more widespread, reaching as far west as the Cleveland metropolitan area. An additional 6-15" of new snow will be expected during this period.

Preparedness Actions:

- → Persons should consider delaying all travel. If travel is absolutely necessary, drive with extreme caution and an abundance of time.
- → Consider taking a winter storm kit along with you, including such items as tire chains, booster cables, flashlight, shovel, blankets and extra clothing. Also take water, a first aid kit, and anything else that would help you survive in case you become stranded.





Contact and Next Briefing Information 6:13 AM

For Northeast Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania



→ https://www.weather.gov/cle/quick brief



- → By 8:00 AM Sunday, December 1
- → Method: Email



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