

- Winter Storm Late Today through Wednesday Morning
  - NEW: Warning expanded to include all of Duval & Clay counties
  - NEW: Winter Storm Advisory for St. Johns, east Putnam & Marion counties
  - Wintry mix onset this afternoon SE GA after 3 pm, expands across NE FL tonight
  - Finalize winter weather readiness this morning, hunker down by late afternoon/evening
- Inland Freezes & Dangerous Wind Chills through Weekend
- Gale Warning Today through Wednesday
  - Coastal Wind Gusts 30-40 mph & Dangerous surf zone conditions

## Winter Storm Warning & Advisory Areas

### **Key Messages**



- → WARNING AREA: Snow, freezing rain & wintry mix of precipitation is expected to cause impacts.
- → ADVISORY AREA: Freezing rain & wintry mix may case some impacts.

### **General Timing**



- → SE GA: Onset of wintry mix after 3 pm today
- → NE FL: After 7 pm this evening
- → Winter precipitation mid morning Wednesday

### **Safety Actions**



- → Finalize winter preparations today
- → Shelter by evening do not travel on icy roads
- → <a href="https://ready.gov/winter-ready">https://ready.gov/winter-ready</a>



# Freezing Rain Forecast



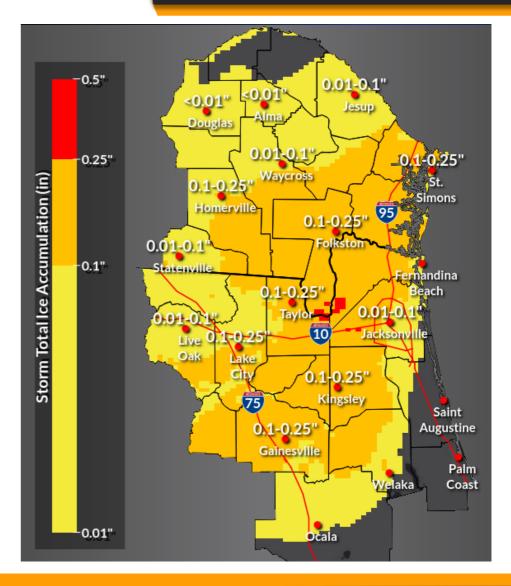
Freezing Rain expected to begin this afternoon in SE GA, then shift south over NE FL tonight into WED morning.

## ICE IMPACT POTENTIAL

Major Impacts > 0.25"
to transportation & Scattered Power Outages

Moderate Impacts > 0.10"
to transportation & ice on bridges

Minor Impacts > 0.01"
to transportation & ice on bridges



# Freezing Rain Potential

Ice Accumulations Late Today through Wednesday Morning

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High confidence of freezing rain across parts

of SE GA and NE FL

Includes I-10 corridor & I-95 corridor north of JAX

Model trends shifting freezing rain potential slightly south southeast over past 24 hrs toward St. Johns River basin

#### **Percent Chance**

10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90%

## **Snow Forecast**



Snow begins tonight across SE GA and expand southward toward NE FL through early WED morning.

## **SNOW IMPACT**

> 1 inch Moderate Impacts to transportation

> 3 Inches Major Impacts to transportation Official Forecast What We Expected

<1 inch

1-2 inches

2-3 inches

> 3 inches



Higher snow chances continue to focus north of Homerville to Waycross to Everett

Wintry mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain more likely farther south towards NE FL

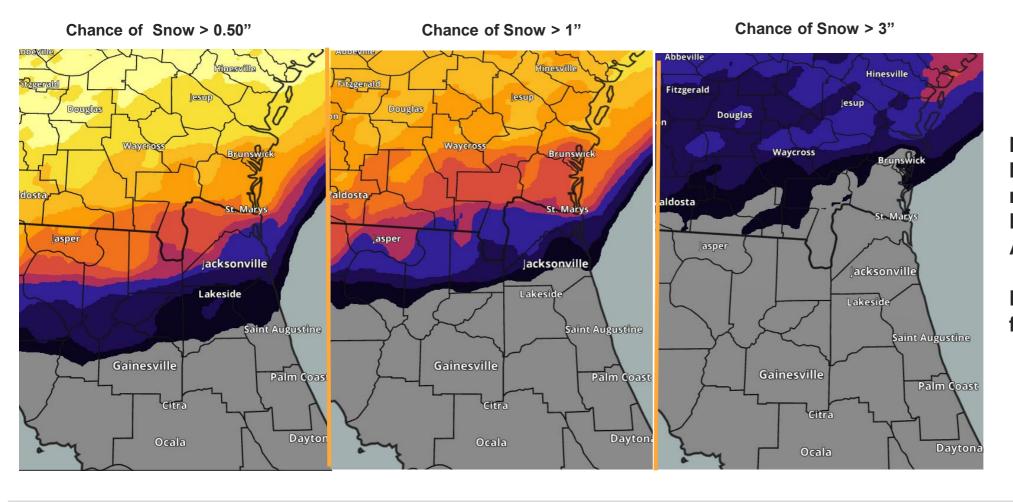
Low potential of 2-3 inches toward the Altamaha & Ocmulgee River basins (chance 20-30%)



## **Snow Potential**



Snow Accumulations Tonight through Early Wednesday Morning



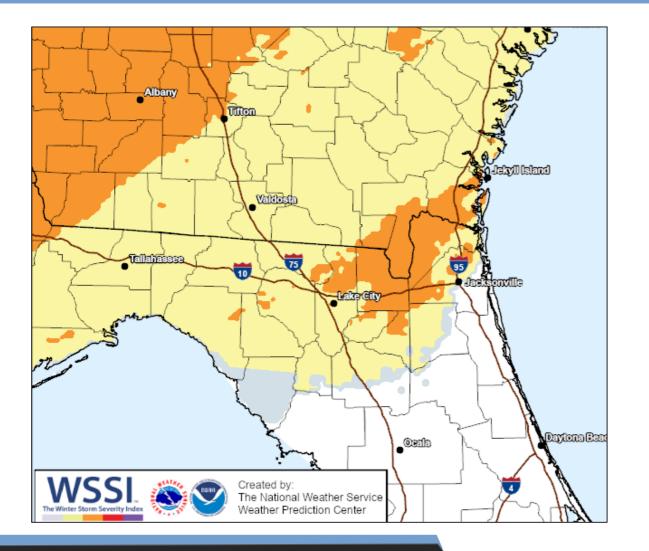
High confidence of at least 1 inch of snow north of Pearson to Everett toward the Altamaha River basin

Low potential (20-30%) for over 3 inches



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## Winter Storm Severity Index







### **Potential Winter Storm Impacts**

#### **Winter Weather Area**

**Expect Winter Weather.** 

Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully.

#### **Minor Impacts**

Expect a few inconveniences to daily life.

 Winter driving conditions. Use caution while driving.

#### **Moderate Impacts**

Expect disruptions to daily life.

- Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving.
- Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.

#### **Major Impacts**

**Expect considerable disruptions to daily life.** 

- Dangerous or impossible driving conditions.
   Avoid travel if possible.
- Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.

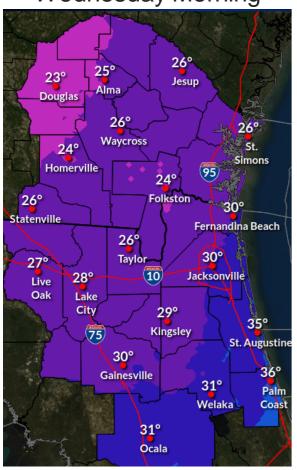
#### **Extreme Impacts**

Expect substantial disruptions to daily life.

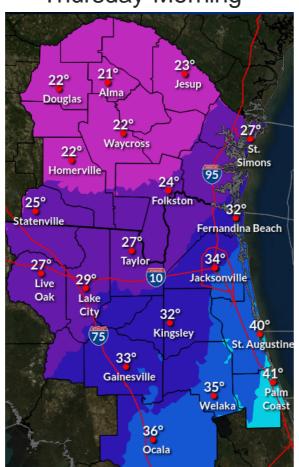
- Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Travel is not advised.
- Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.
- · Life-saving actions may be needed.

## Nightly Freezes & Hard Freezes this Week

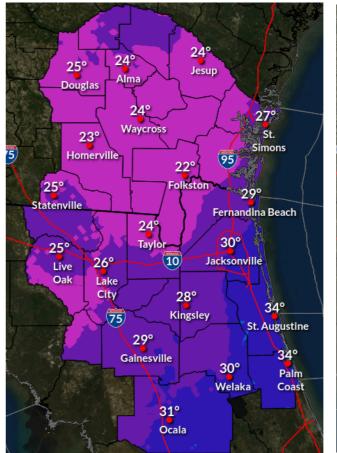
### Wednesday Morning



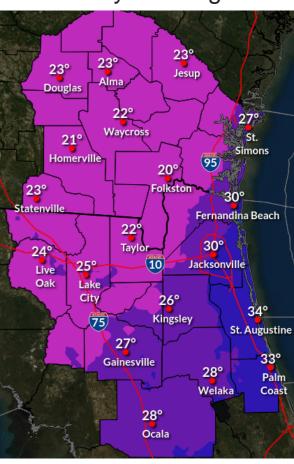
Thursday Morning



### Friday Morning



#### Saturday Morning





Temperatures ≤ 25°F = Hard Freeze SE GA & Suwannee River Valley

Temperatures ≤ 27°F for 2 hours or more = Hard Freeze Coastal SE GA & Remainder NE FL

## Morning Wind Chills Teens to 20s this Week

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Wednesday Morning Thursday Morning Friday Morning Saturday Morning **Homerville** Homerville Homerville Homerville 22° 24° Statenville Fernandina Beach Fernandina Beach Fernandina Beach erhandina Beach Live Live Oak 20° Kingsley 20° Kingsley 23° Kingsley gustine gustine gustine St. Augustine 20° 23° 22° Gainesville Gainesville Gainesville Gailgesville Palm Coast



Wind Chills or Temperatures 10 to 20°F = Cold Weather Advisory SE GA

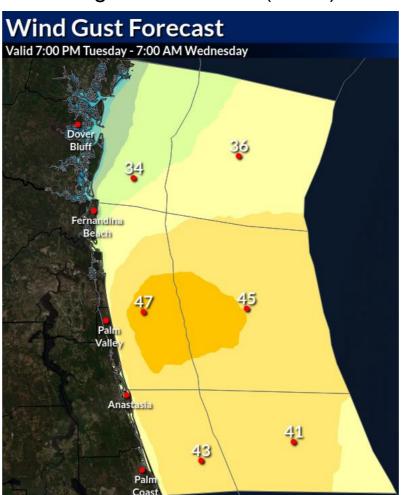
Wind Chills or Temperatures 15 to 25°F = Cold Weather Advisory NE FL

# Gale Warning Tonight - Wednesday

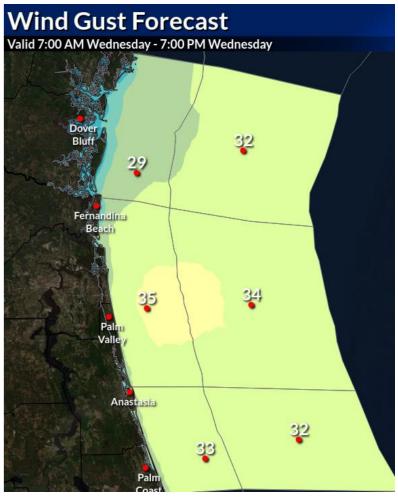
## **Key Messages**

- → Small Craft Advisory conditions this morning then gusts to gale force this afternoon.
- → Peak of winds tonight into
   Wednesday Morning with persistent
   Gusts to Gale Force (just below
   Storm Force which is 50 kts)
- → Gusts along the immediate coast tonight will be 30-40 mph at times

Tonight Peak Gusts (knots)



Wednesday Peak Gusts (knots)



# Dangerous Coastal Hazards Today & Wed

## **Key Messages**

- High Rip Current Risk
- High & rough surfBreakers 6-9 ft along NE FL coast
- Moderate Beach Erosion
   Especially south of St. Augustine
- Minor tidal flooding near high tides
   St. Johns & Flagler beaches







## Finalize Preparedness Today



### **Key Messages**

- → Winter precipitation impacts begin late today and continues through Wednesday morning
- → Finalize preparations today, be ready to shelter by this evening
- → Nightly freezes & dangerous wind chills through Thursday



## **Finalize Preparations**

- → Finish stocking supplies (home and vehicles)
- → Prepare for heating alternatives if power is lost.
- → Plan to shelter in place & not travel due to ice impacts late tonight into Wednesay morning.

https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather



### Be careful with heat sources

Candles and space heaters are a fire risk.
Also stay warm by bundling up and keeping doors closed, placing towels in cracks.



## Practice portable generator safety

Use outdoors, at least 20 feet away from doors/windows/garages to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Follow instructions on proper use.



## Check on neighbors

Once your family is safe, check on your neighbors and the vulnerable to make sure they are OK.

