

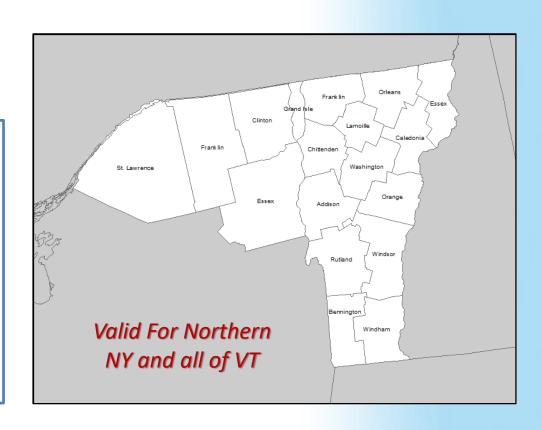


### Winter Storm Continuing Through Friday

## **Decision Support Briefing #8 4 PM Thursday, February 3rd**

#### Key messages:

- ✓ Winter Storm Warnings remain in effect for the entire area.
- ✓ Long duration winter storm.
- Moderate to heavy snow expected late tonight through early Friday morning.
- Travel impacts are expected, especially during the Friday morning commute.





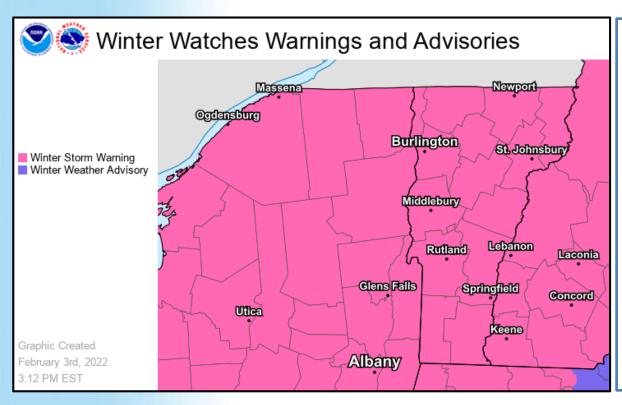








### Winter Weather Warnings & Advisories



- Winter Storm Warning for northern New York until 7 am Friday.
- Winter Storm Warning for Vermont and the Champlain Valley of New York until 1 pm Friday.
- Winter Storm Warning for Bennington and Windham Counties in Vermont from 5 PM this evening until 5 PM Friday.











# Expected Storm Total Snowfall Through Friday Afternoon

HEAVIEST SNOWFALL: Between 11 PM tonight through 6 AM Friday morning with rates of 1" to 2" per hour, mainly across the southern Adirondacks and central Vermont.



Snowfall totals expected to be 7 to 14 inches across much of the area with slightly lesser amounts over far southern Vermont.

#### **Northern New York**

- √ 1 to 3 inches through this evening.
- An additional 5 to 10 inches late tonight through early Friday morning.

#### **Vermont and Champlain Valley**

- ✓ A dusting to 2 inches through this evening.
- ✓ An additional 8 to 12 inches late tonight through Friday afternoon.

**Weather Forecast Office** Burlington.













## Wet, Heavy Snow Possible

**Through Friday Morning** 



- ✓ Snow across central-southern Vermont may be wet and heavy at times, especially late tonight through Friday morning.
- ✓ A brief period of sleet is possible after midnight.
- ✓ Isolated to scattered power outages are possible.

| WET Snow Accumulation    | Potential Impacts assuming a Snow/Water Ratio 10:1 or less  |
|--------------------------|---|
| < 5 inches               | Some weighted tree limbs of Conifers and fully leafed trees   |
| 5-10 inches (WE .5-1")   | Numerous weighted tree limbs and some power lines. Isolated to scattered outages possible.              |
| 10-15 inches (WE 1-1.5") | Weighted/snapped tree limbs, especially fully leafed trees. Scattered to Numerous power outages likely. |
| > 15 inches (WE > 1.5")  | Numerous downed tree limbs and some snapped trees. Widespread power outages.                            |







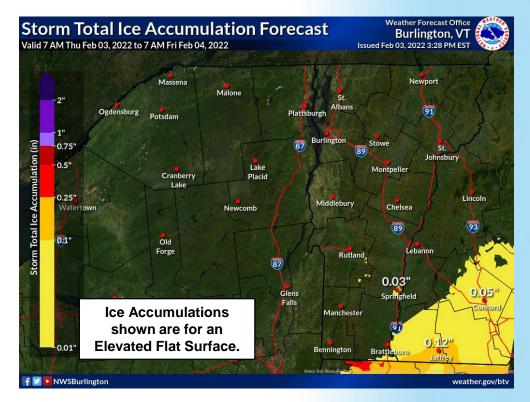






# Ice Accumulation Totals and Potential Impacts

- ✓ Ice accumulations of a glaze up to a few hundredths are possible across portions of southern Vermont.
- Most likely time period is late tonight through early Friday morning.
- ✓ Potential ice in addition to the expected snow and sleet across this area will make for difficult travel conditions, especially Friday morning.



| Ice Accumulation<br>(FLAT) | Potential Impacts   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Trace to < 1/4 inch        | Slick to Hazardous road and pedestrian surfaces, especially untreated surfaces.   |
| 1/4 to 1/2 inch            | Hazardous, icy road conditions and some weighted tree limbs. Isolated power outages possible near 1/2".   |
| 1/2 to 1 inch              | Dangerous road conditions, hanging limbs. Isolated (1/2") to Numerous power outages (1") possible.  |
| 1 to 2 inches              | Numerous (1") to Widespread (2") power outages likely, possibly lasting a few days. Downed tree limbs/branches and utility lines possibly causing structural or vehicle damage. Very Dangerous road conditions. |
| >2 inches                  | Widespread power outages lasting several days or more. Downed tree branches, trees and utility lines, likely causing structural or vehicle damage.  |





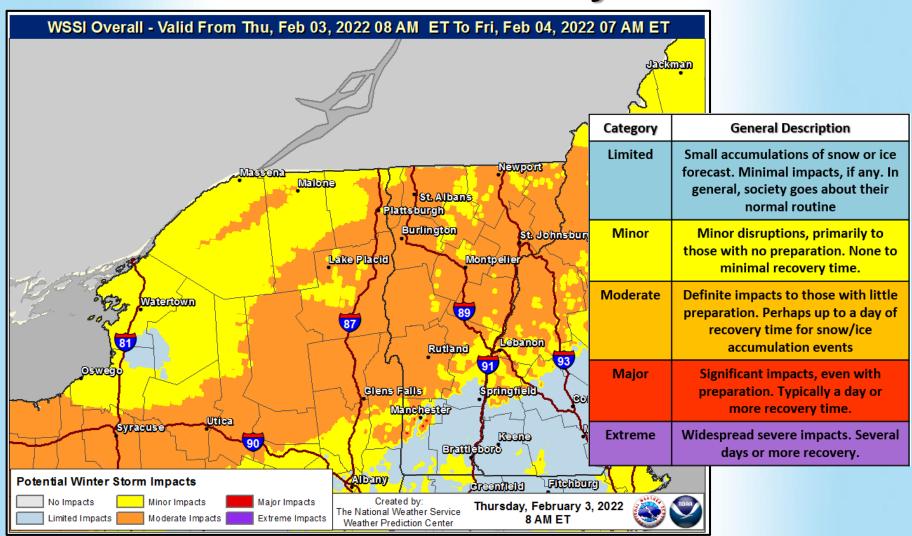








### Winter Storm Severity Index



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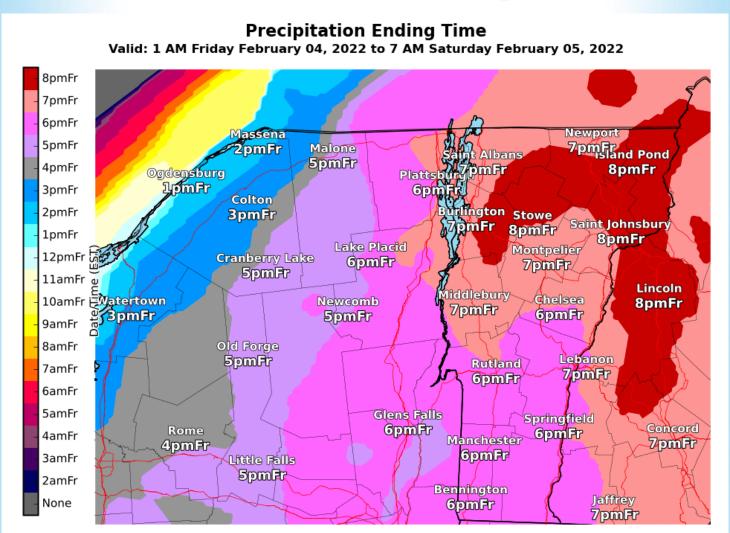








### **Precipitation Ending Time**











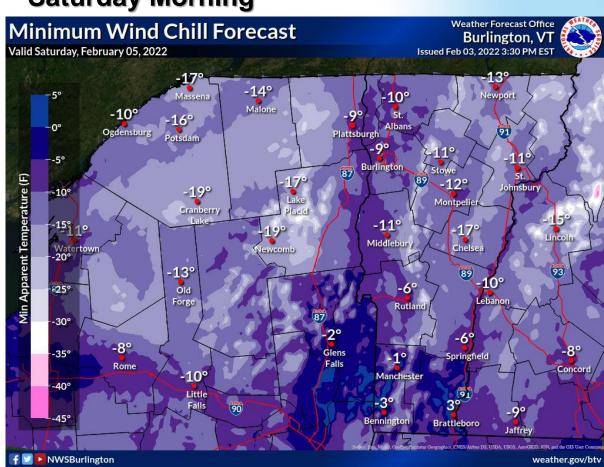




### **Post Storm:**

## Dangerously Cold Wind Chills Possible Saturday Morning

- Cold temperatures and 5 to 10 mph winds will create dangerously cold wind chills.
- ✓ Wind chills of -15 to -20F are expected with coldest conditions for portions of northern New York and northeastern Vermont.
- Frostbite may occur in less than 30 minutes in these conditions.







### **Storm Summary and Expected Impacts**

- ✓ Long duration winter storm bringing accumulating snow to all of the North Country.
- ✓ Light snow accumulations this afternoon and evening. Periods of sleet, rain, and snow expected for portions of Bennington, Windsor, and Windham counties.
- ✓ Moderate to heavy snowfall expected late tonight through early Friday morning with the highest rates of accumulation of 1" to 2" per hour.
- ✓ Much of the area expected to see 7 to 14 inches of snow by Friday morning, but slightly less over far southern Vermont where sleet and freezing rain will mix in. 12 to 15 inches of snow expected across portions of the Adirondacks and central Vermont.
- ✓ Difficult travel expected, especially for the Friday morning commute.
- ✓ Wetter snow mainly in southern Vermont may result in isolated power outages.
- ✓ Cold temperatures and a period of dangerously cold wind chills of -15 to -20F are expected for Friday night into Saturday morning.









### **Contact and Next Briefing Information**

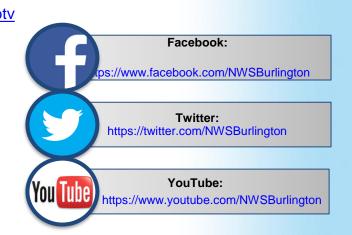


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