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### AT A GLANCE

Fri --- 77   100	Sat 30% 77   98	Sun 30% 76   100
Mon 30% 76   97	Tue --- 74   95	Wed --- 73   98

Forecast by National Weather Service

Posted at 3:45 PM ET, 02/ 4/2010

## Snowmageddon: Snowstorm likely to be historic

By Ian Livingston

### Crippling accumulations over 1 to 2 feet may be common

- \* [Winter Storm Warning](#) Friday morning through Saturday evening \*
- \* [2 double-digit snows?](#) | [Q&A](#); [transcript](#) | [Winter driving tips](#) \*
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It is hard to believe that we're about to see another storm like we saw in December -- usually a once in several year occurrence. But it's real and it's becoming increasingly likely that a historic event is in the cards. If you have any doubts, [check out this afternoon's satellite shot](#) showing amazing moisture feeds into what is already a gigantic system. The time is now to make final preparations as we are less than 24 hours out from the start.



### ACCUMULATION MAP AND TIMELINE



**9 AM to 1 PM FRIDAY**  
Snow develops SW to NE. Possible mix with rain/sleet. Temps 33-37.  
**1 PM to 7 PM FRIDAY**  
Snow, becoming heavy late. Some mix S&E.; Temps 30-34.  
**7 PM to 1 AM SATURDAY**  
Snow, possibly heavy. Some mix S&E.; Temps 28-32.  
**1 AM to 7 AM SATURDAY**  
Snow, becoming breezy. Temps 26-30.  
**7 AM to 1 PM SATURDAY**  
Snow, decreasing some in coverage/intensity. Breezy.

Forecast Confidence: [High](#)

### IMPACT FORECASTS FOR FRIDAY

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### FORECAST IN DETAIL

**Through tonight:** The calm before the monster storm continues as skies trend cloudier. Lows in the mid-to-upper 20s.

**Tomorrow (Friday):** We won't warm much with clouds and precipitation inbound. Look for highs in the mid 30s, falling back to and below freezing as snow gets underway by the late morning or early afternoon. By evening, snow

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#### National Airport

- Weather: A Few Clouds
  - Temp: 94.0 F (34.4 C)
  - Heat Index: 91 F (33 C)
  - Wind: Southwest at 9.2 MPH
  - Dew Point: 52.0 F
  - Pressure: 1008.5 mb
- Jun 28 2012, 5:52 pm EDT



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National Airport

June 28, 2012

- Average Hi: 87
- Average Lo: 68
- Record Hi: 100 (1969)
- Record Lo: 54 (1927)
- High so far: 95

Yesterday at DCA

- Hi: 89
- Lo: 66
- Precip: 0.00 in

Past Data

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should be falling at a moderate pace with at least 3-5" of accumulation common across the area and rates increasing into the night.

**Dangerous weather:** This will be a high-impact storm any way you cut it. Heavy wet snow will create difficult digging out conditions and may lead to numerous power outages. To minimize the risk of injury during digging, it is best to clear snow often. Wind and near-blizzard (or even blizzard) conditions may occur overnight Friday and into Saturday, [Blizzard Warnings](#) are already up to our east and we did have them issued in December. Be prepared to be stuck where you are for at least 24-48 hours, if not longer as suggested through a [message delivered by the state of Virginia](#). And if all else fails, check out this "[Snopocalypse D.C.](#)" web site for further instructions.

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What about the forecast detail for tomorrow night and beyond? [Check it out here](#). And if you haven't already, [join us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#):

By Ian Livingston | February 4, 2010; 3:45 PM ET  
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Comments

I have my emergency supplies: a carton of smokes, 3 lb of coffee and I started taking Motrin for my shoulder today. I want all those little Motrinos doing their thing before I have to shovel.

Posted by: tbva | February 4, 2010 3:46 PM | [Report abuse](#)

I am curious what the Feds do post-lunch

Posted by: Bious | February 4, 2010 3:47 PM | [Report abuse](#)

WOOM WOOM WOOM WOOM WOOM

Posted by: shamuballeno | February 4, 2010 3:48 PM | [Report abuse](#)

**I just got the good news. They have cots here at work if I get stuck here on Saturday. I'm so relieved. Ugh...**

Posted by: Brian-CapitalWeatherGang | February 4, 2010 3:49 PM | [Report abuse](#)

We . . . are . . . doomed.

OK, tentative schedule:

Do driveway and pipestem tomorrow before dark. Shovel/Toro electric blower should still be OK.

Sat AM/dawn's early light: Do it again.