



Potential for Cold Temperatures This Weekend and Next Week with Possible Lowland Snow

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KEY POINTS

- Cold temperatures will be possible across W WA late this weekend and through most of next week
- High temperatures in the 20s to 30s with lows in the teens to 20s will be possible
- If colder air materializes, the potential for lowland snow will exist
- Uncertainty remains high in the extent of the cold temperatures, as well as the lowland snow potential


WEATHER RISK OUTLOOK

Risk levels incorporate potential impacts from weather hazards and likelihood of occurrence.

Wed 12/14	Thu 12/15	Fri 12/16	Sat 12/17	Sun 12/18	Mon 12/19	Tue 12/20
				Cold Possible Lowland Snow	Cold Possible Lowland Snow	Cold Possible Lowland Snow

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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DETAILS

Mountains	
 Snow	<p>Impacts: Snow-covered roads and minor travel delays possible across the Cascade passes.</p> <p>Timing: Late this weekend and through most of next week</p> <p>Confidence: Low</p>
	<p>A few weather systems may bring periods of snow to the mountains beginning this weekend and continuing through next week. Uncertainty exists in regards to the storm track during this time.</p>

Lowlands

**Impacts:**

Very cold temperatures will impact vulnerable populations such as the homeless, pets, and those without adequate access to heating. Exposed pipes may be damaged by freezing conditions. Sensitive crops/plants may be killed.

Timing:

Late this weekend through most of next week

Confidence:

Low

Below normal temperatures are very likely next week, however, the extent of the colder air is much more uncertain. Refer to the graphic provided for the large spread in possible temperatures next week.

**Impacts:**

Snow accumulations cannot be ruled out if colder air arrives

Timing:

Late this weekend through most of next week

Confidence:

Low

The threat of lowland snow may increase into early next week as anticipated colder air arrives. The extent of the lowland snowfall and snowfall accumulation will be highly dependent on the extent of colder air as well of the storm track, both of which contain a high degree of uncertainty at present time.

- **Wednesday through Friday**
 - Dry conditions with high temperatures generally in the low 40s
- **Saturday-Sunday**
 - A colder airmass may arrive, bringing the potential for high temperatures in the 30s, especially Sunday
 - Coldest air most likely to reach Western Whatcom and the San Juan Islands this weekend as Fraser outflow develops
 - A rain/snow mix possible in the lowlands by Sunday, with light snow more likely around Western Whatcom County where confidence remains a bit higher in the arrival of a colder airmass
- **Monday through Late Next Week**
 - The potential for a colder airmass exists, bringing widespread high temperatures in the upper 20s to low 30s and low temperatures in the teens to 20s
 - A few weather systems could impact the area, bringing the threat for accumulating snowfall to the lowlands
 - Confidence is very low in lowland snowfall chances and accumulations given the uncertainty in temperature trends

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