

## **Know Your Winter Storm and Extreme Cold Terms**

Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify a winter storm hazard:

### **Freezing Rain**

Rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees, and power lines.

### **Sleet**

Rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes moisture on roads to freeze and become slippery.

### **Winter Storm Watch**

A winter storm is possible in your area. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for more information.

### **Winter Storm Warning**

A winter storm is occurring or will soon occur in your area.

### **Blizzard Warning**

Sustained winds or frequent gusts to 35 miles per hour or greater and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow (reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile) are expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer.

### **Frost/Freeze Warning**

Below freezing temperatures are expected.