

The National Weather Service Offices in Nebraska encourage the public to become familiar with safety rules and make plans to protect themselves, their family, and employees when winter storms strike.

Winter storm warnings are disseminated through NOAA Weather Radio, local television and radio stations, and on the Internet at various sites including weather.gov.

This information describes the different types of severe winter weather in Nebraska and provides safety information related to each type.

An average winter season lasts from November through March in eastern Nebraska and from October through April in western Nebraska.

In a typical winter, average seasonal snowfall ranges from 20 to 40 inches, with the heaviest amounts over the northern Nebraska panhandle.

In addition to snow, bitterly cold temperatures and strong winds will contribute to blowing and drifting of snow as well as dangerous wind chills.

If conditions are favorable, a blizzard may develop making travel extremely difficult or impossible.

Early springtime snowstorms may produce heavy wet snow, leading to power outages.

Though more common in eastern and central Nebraska, freezing rain can lead to tree damage and downed power lines.

