

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

SUBJECT: Below freezing for 60+ hours this Weekend

SITREP #: 2026-3.1

ISSUED: Tuesday, January 28, 2026 at 9:00 AM

OVERVIEW

A brutally cold air mass will move back into the area on Friday night and hang around until early next week. In addition, a weak wave begins to develop into a closed low along the Gulf Coast and strengthens off the Atlantic Coast. As this low strengthens, some wrap around moisture could bring the area some light snow. Currently, little to no accumulation is expected, however, scenarios outlined below could change that.

TEMPERATURES

Below freezing temperatures for areas north of I-20 are expected for the duration of the weekend. Temperatures drop below freezing Friday night and likely will not get above freezing until Monday afternoon. This means pipe bursts are expected once we reach above freezing. The forecasted freezing temperatures can be seen in the image below depicted via the red line. Additionally, factoring in the winds 'feels-like' temperatures will be near to below 0° Saturday/Sunday.



Figure 1: NWS Temperatures, Wind Chill, and Dewpoint Midnight Saturday (1/31) to Midnight Monday (2/2)



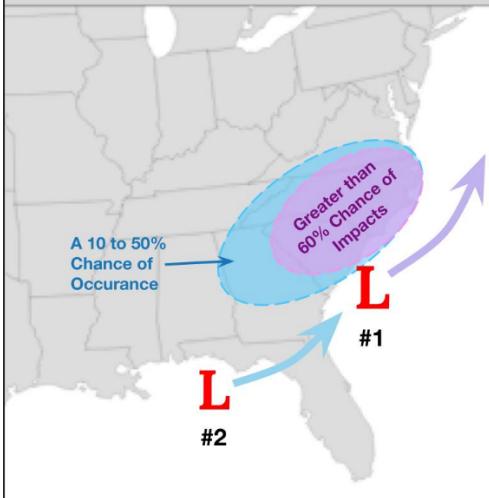
	1/30				1/31				2/1				2/2				
	Fri				Sat				Sun				Mon				
	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm
Americus	49	52	48	42	37	30	24	25	30	31	27	23	21	19	17	22	33
Athens	44	46	42	37	31	26	23	24	26	27	25	21	18	16	15	20	30
Atlanta	42	43	39	34	28	23	19	20	23	24	22	20	18	16	14	18	27
Blairsville	40	40	33	26	21	16	13	15	19	20	17	14	11	8	6	12	24
Canton	42	42	37	31	25	20	17	18	23	23	21	18	15	13	11	17	27
Carrollton	42	43	38	32	25	19	15	17	22	24	23	18	15	13	12	17	28
Columbus	47	50	47	41	33	27	22	23	28	30	28	24	21	19	16	21	33
Dalton	39	40	35	29	22	17	15	17	21	23	22	19	17	14	13	16	26
Dublin	50	52	47	42	37	32	27	28	32	31	27	23	20	18	16	22	33
Eatonton	46	48	43	38	32	27	23	24	28	28	24	20	18	16	15	20	31
Gainesville	42	42	38	33	28	23	19	20	23	23	22	19	17	15	14	19	29
Griffin	44	46	42	36	29	23	19	20	24	25	23	20	18	16	14	19	29
La Grange	44	45	41	36	29	22	18	20	24	26	24	20	17	15	13	19	30
Louisville	48	50	45	41	37	32	28	28	31	30	26	22	20	18	16	21	32
Macon	48	51	47	41	35	29	24	25	30	30	27	23	20	18	16	22	33
Marietta	41	42	37	32	25	20	17	18	22	23	21	18	16	14	13	17	26
Rome	41	42	37	31	24	19	16	18	23	25	23	20	17	15	13	18	29
Trenton	39	39	33	26	21	16	13	15	20	22	21	18	16	14	11	17	28
Vidalia	52	54	49	45	42	37	31	31	34	33	30	26	23	21	18	24	33

Figure 2: NWS Multicity Temperatures this Weekend

SCENARIOS

You may have also heard about the possibility of snow this coming weekend. The possibility does exist for snow, but it heavily depends on the track of a low-pressure system moving from the Gulf to the Atlantic. The National Weather Service gives us a less than 50% chance of seeing snow this weekend. If you're looking for snow, you're going to want to hope for scenario 2, which is a more westward track of a low developing in the Gulf. The good news with this system is that the precipitation type will be snow as we are confident that cold temperatures will persist to give us all snow and no freezing rain or sleet.

Winter Weather Again this Weekend?



1 Scenario 1: Carolina Focused Snowfall

The storm system intensifies along the Carolina coast. Most of the snow threat occurs in the Carolina's, but some snow spills over into eastern Georgia.

2 Scenario 2: More Widespread Snow Risk

A more westward track occurs and the storm system initially takes shape along the Gulf coast. A snow threat develops for all of north and central Georgia. Greater impacts still further east in the Carolinas.

! What We Know

- It will be very cold in Georgia this weekend!
- This is snow event, not a freezing rain or ice event.



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NEXT STEPS

- The Georgia Tech Police Department Office of Emergency Management will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary.
- Follow the GT Office of Emergency Management on twitter @gtpdalerts.
- For the latest forecast information, please visit the National Weather Service.