

POLK COUNTY, TEXAS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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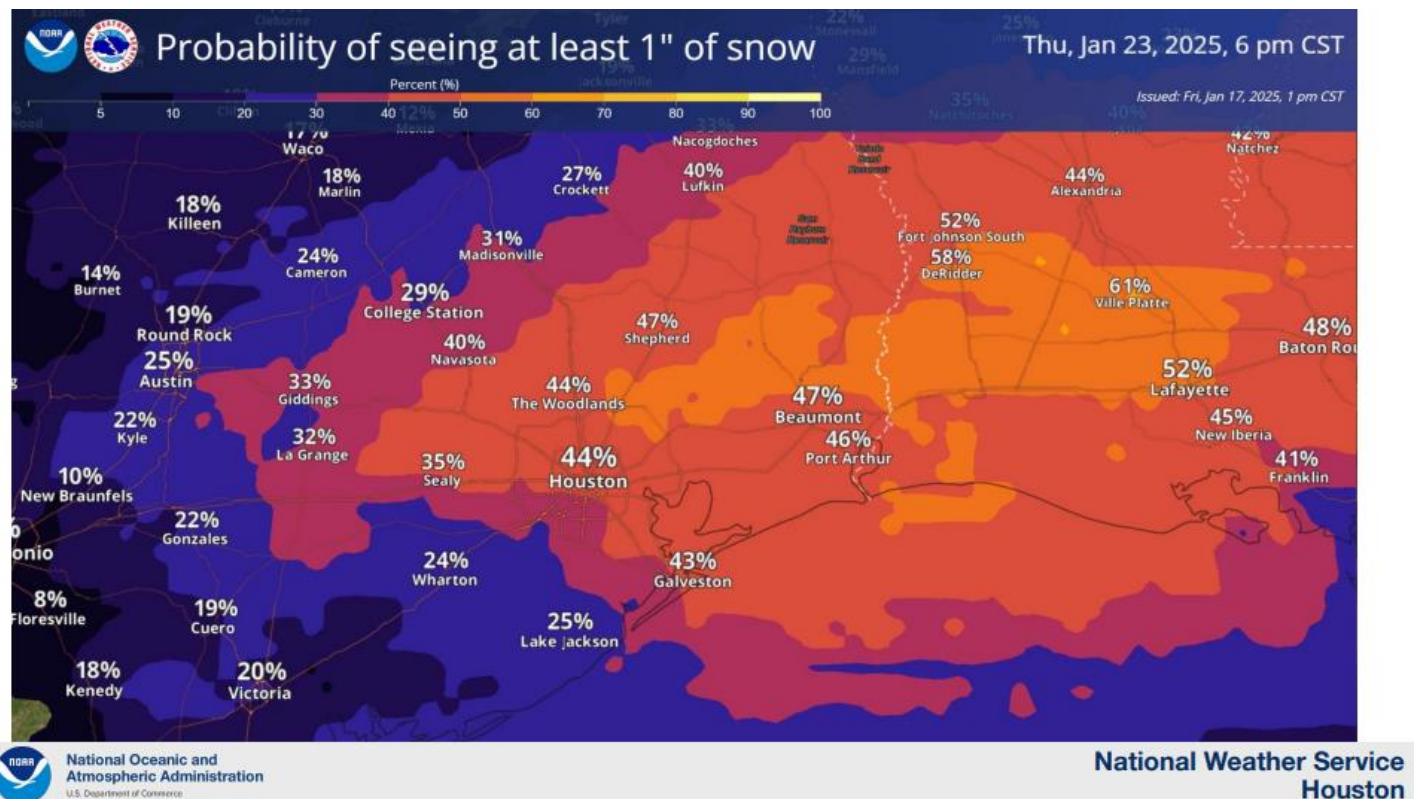
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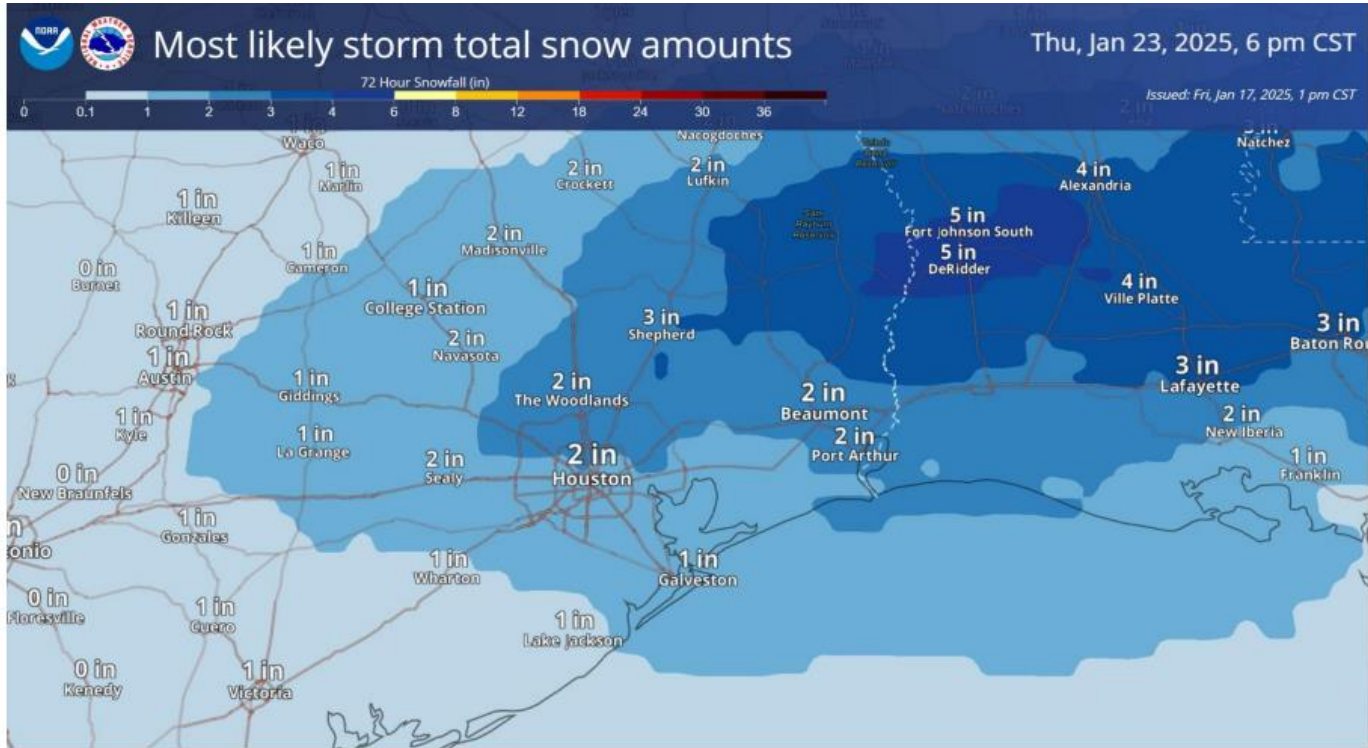


WINTER STORM

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), a potential winter storm is forecast to impact southeast TX early next week. This storm is forecast to produce widespread precipitation, and there is a chance of snow and/or ice across nearly all of southeast TX Monday night into Tuesday evening. Some areas may not get above freezing on Tuesday, and a hard freeze is expected Tuesday night into Wednesday morning for many areas. Expect a cold week with minimum temperatures near or below freezing into next Thursday.

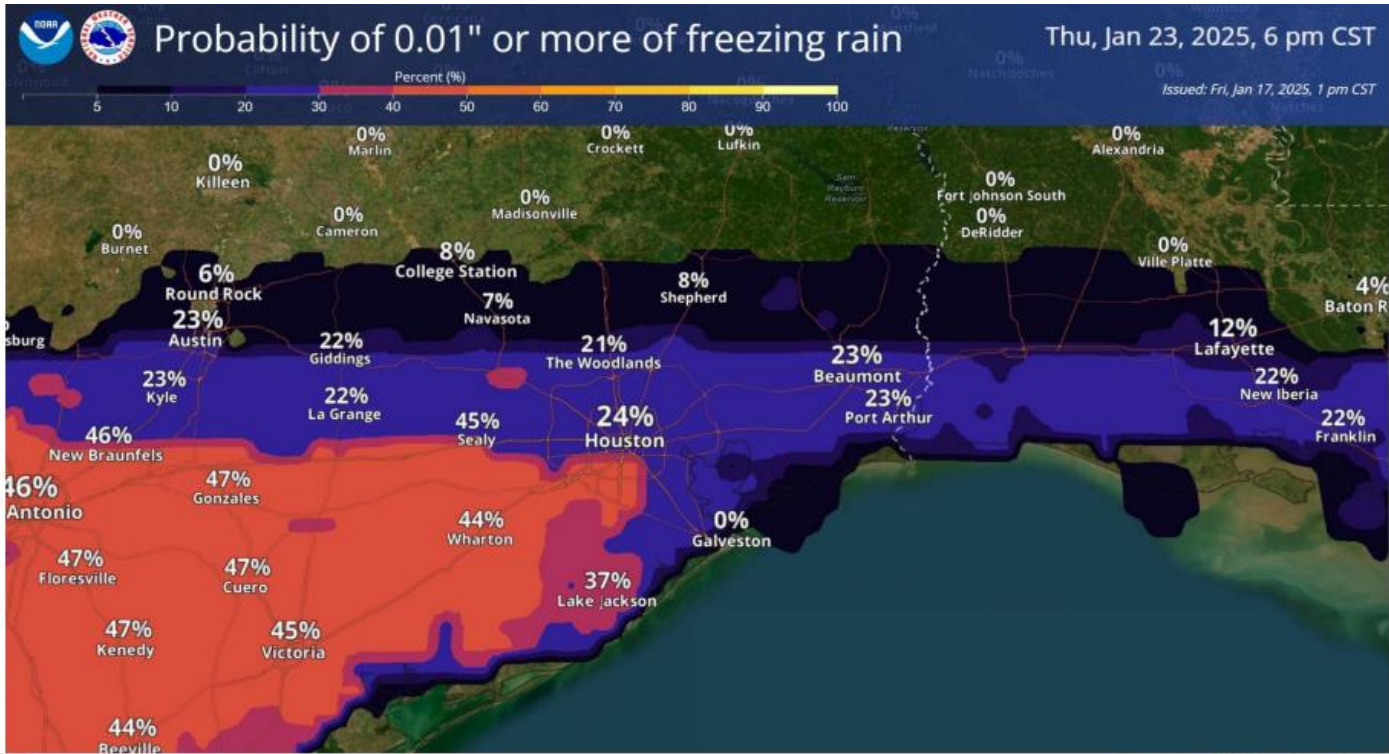
Southeast Texas could see 1 to 3" of snow (or greater depending on snow banding and other small-scale effects). NWS says we are still four days away, and the forecast may change. Please monitor weather forecasts for updates.





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KNOW THE 4 P'S OF FREEZE SAFETY

- **Protect People:** Check on your family, elderly and neighbors that may need help winterizing their home or a warm place to stay. Limit time outdoors, dress in layers, and cover all exposed skin.
- **Protect Pets:** Bring pets indoors. Ensure adequate warmth for livestock.
- **Protect Pipes:** Cover or insulate exposed pipes, including those pipes underneath raised homes.
- **Protect Plants:** Apply a thick layer of mulch around plants. Water your plants, which helps trap heat or slow heat loss around the plant. Cover plants or bring potted plants inside a shelter or into your garage.

Prepare now for this period of extreme cold and potential winter weather. For winter weather preparedness tips, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/winter-ready>.

Life Vine Church in the City of Livingston announced that their Thirty-Two Degrees ministry (warming center) will be operational as follows: Saturday Night, January 18th through Thursday, January 23rd and possibly Friday. They will open from 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. and are located in the Fellowship Hall at Life Vine Church on E Milam Street (across from the Library.) For more information and details on the Thirty-Two Degrees ministry, contact Life Vine Church.

For more information on warming centers in Texas, view the Texas Division of Emergency Management's warming center map. Click the following link:

<https://tdem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/interactivelegend/index.html?appid=063f8332ed024ebe8cf0760576311d0f>

The Lufkin TXDOT district has begun pre-treating highways in preparation for the winter weather event. Check TXDOT road conditions at www.DriveTexas.org.

County offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. At this time, there are no plans for *further* closures. To monitor updates on County office operations, visit the Polk County, Texas website at www.co.polk.tx.us.

Continue to stay weather aware and know how to obtain information:

- Follow *Polk County Emergency Management, Texas* on Facebook for notifications and updates.
- Visit our website www.PolkCountyOEM.com for information.
- Register with AlertMePolkCounty to receive emergency alerts from Emergency Management, by visiting <https://polk.genasys.com/portal/en>.