



Winter Storm Late Saturday/Sunday

January 23, 2026
4:30 AM EST

For Eastern North Carolina

Decision Support Briefing #8

NEW

Important Updates

- Winter Storm Watch remains in effect (no changes)
- Greatest freezing rain accumulation threat for areas along and west of Highway 17.
- Accumulation Graphics and Timing Video updated

Understanding Winter Weather

What is FREEZING RAIN?

Freezing rain is liquid precipitation that freezes on contact with cold surfaces as it enters a shallow layer of temperatures at or below 32°F near the surface. This creates a dangerous coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees and power lines.

1 Ice accumulation increases the weight of a span of powerlines by up to 500 pounds!

2 Patches of ice on roads and highways make traveling extremely dangerous.

3 Ice accumulation increases the weight of a tree branch by 30 times!

For more information on winter weather safety, visit: weather.gov/winter



National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service
Newport/Morehead City, NC



Winter Storm WATCH

January 23, 2026

4:30 AM EST

For Eastern North Carolina (Saturday Afternoon to Sunday Afternoon)



- A Winter Storm WATCH means significant ice or snow is possible in the WATCH area.
- Roads, especially bridges and overpasses, will likely become slick and hazardous.
- Power outages and tree damage are possible.
- Communities without power may be especially vulnerable due to colder weather early next week.

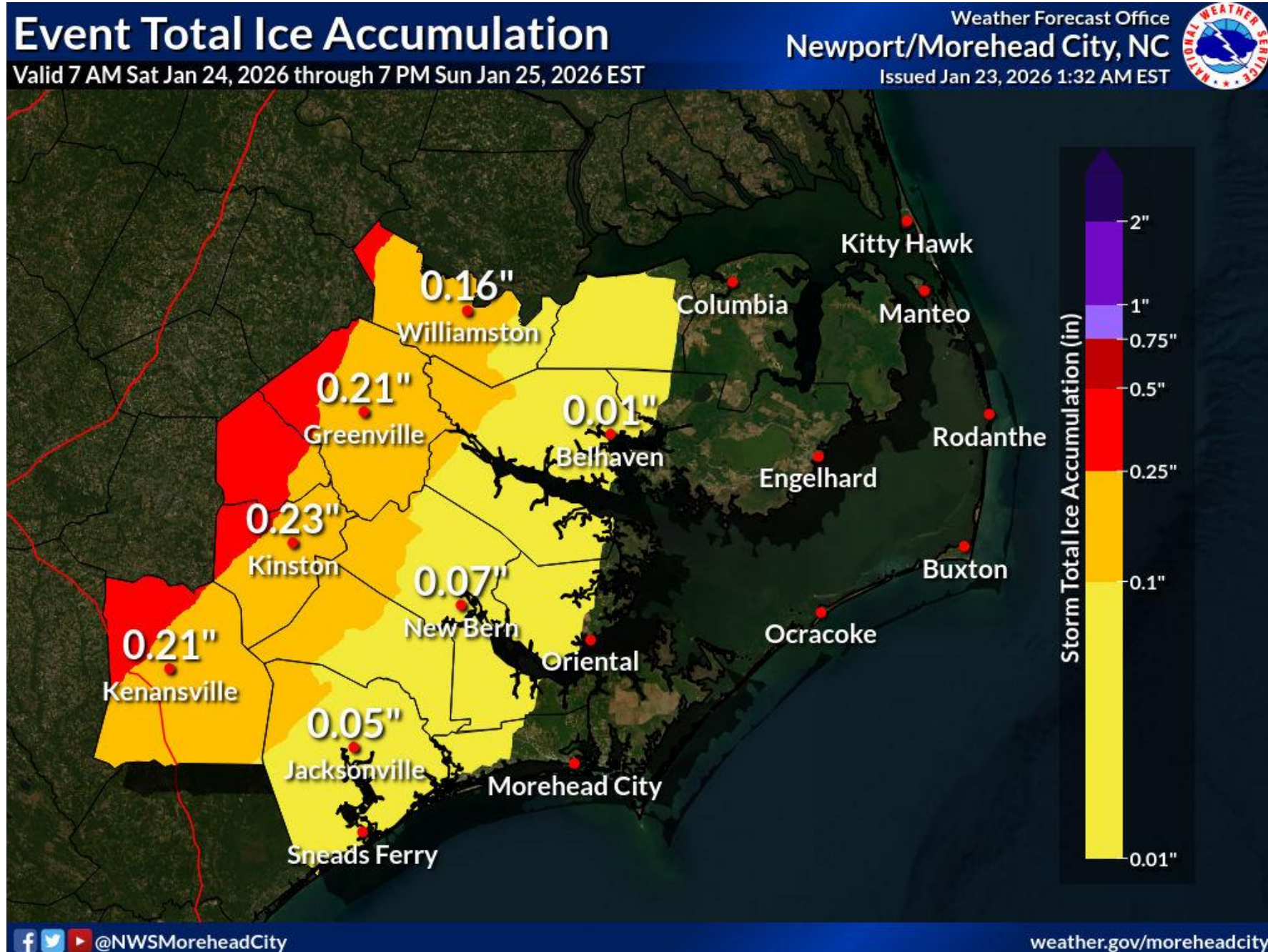




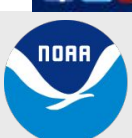
Forecast Ice Totals

January 23, 2026
4:30 AM EST

Follow: www.weather.gov/mhx for updates



- Ice is likely across inland Eastern NC and there remains some potential for significant ice impacts.
- Confidence is HIGH that greatest impacts will be from freezing rain
- Highest uncertainty near the Hwy 17 corridor. Still potential for minor impacts, but temperatures have trended warmer.

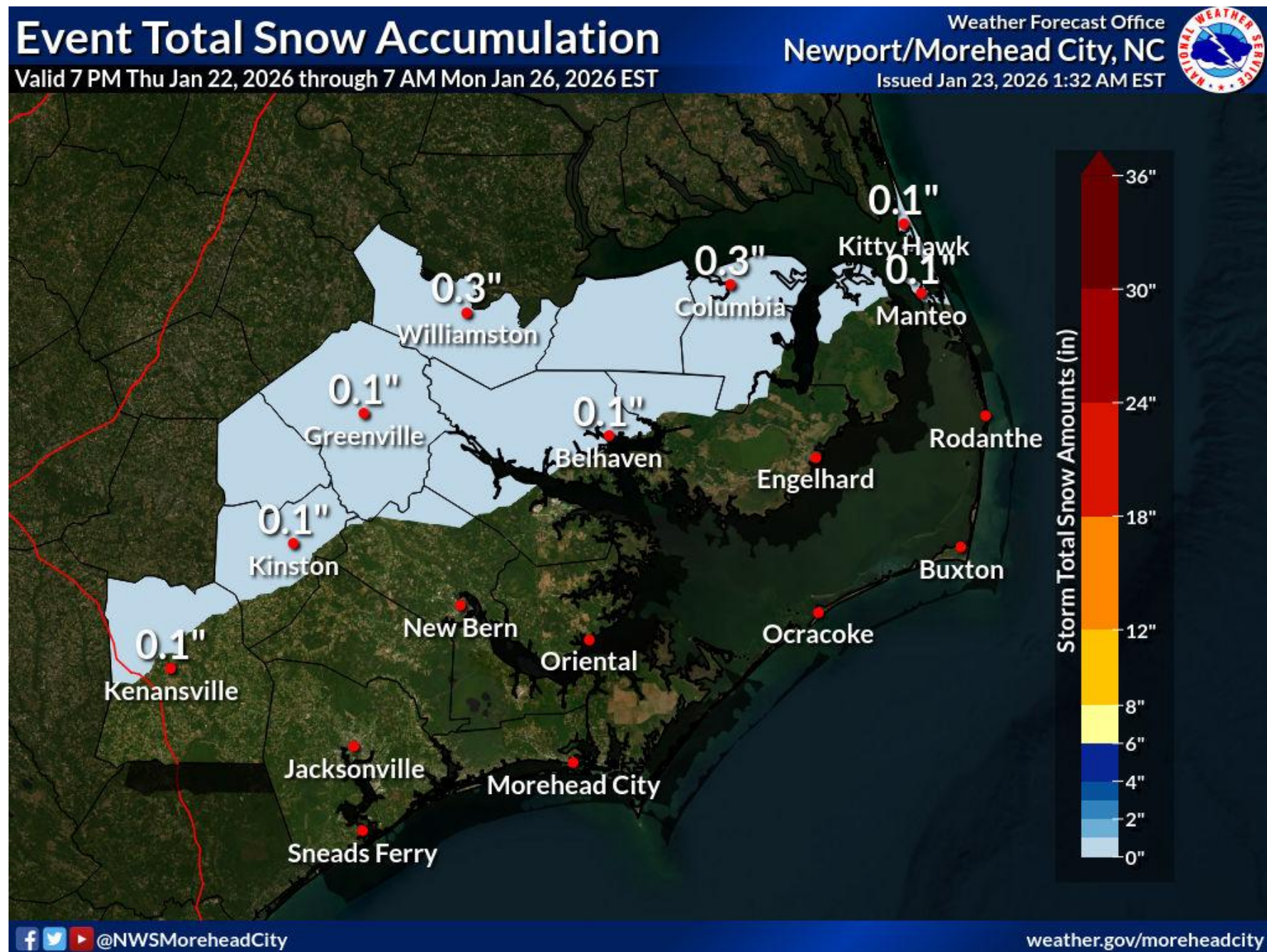




Forecast Snow and Sleet Totals

January 23, 2026
4:30 AM EST

Follow: www.weather.gov/mhx for updates



- **Snow is becoming less likely**, though there remains potential for **minor snow and sleet impacts**.
- **Probabilities for snow have continued to trend downward**, but **light snow and sleet is still possible along and north of US 64**.
- **Highest uncertainty along the US 64 corridor**. Minor impacts still possible.



National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

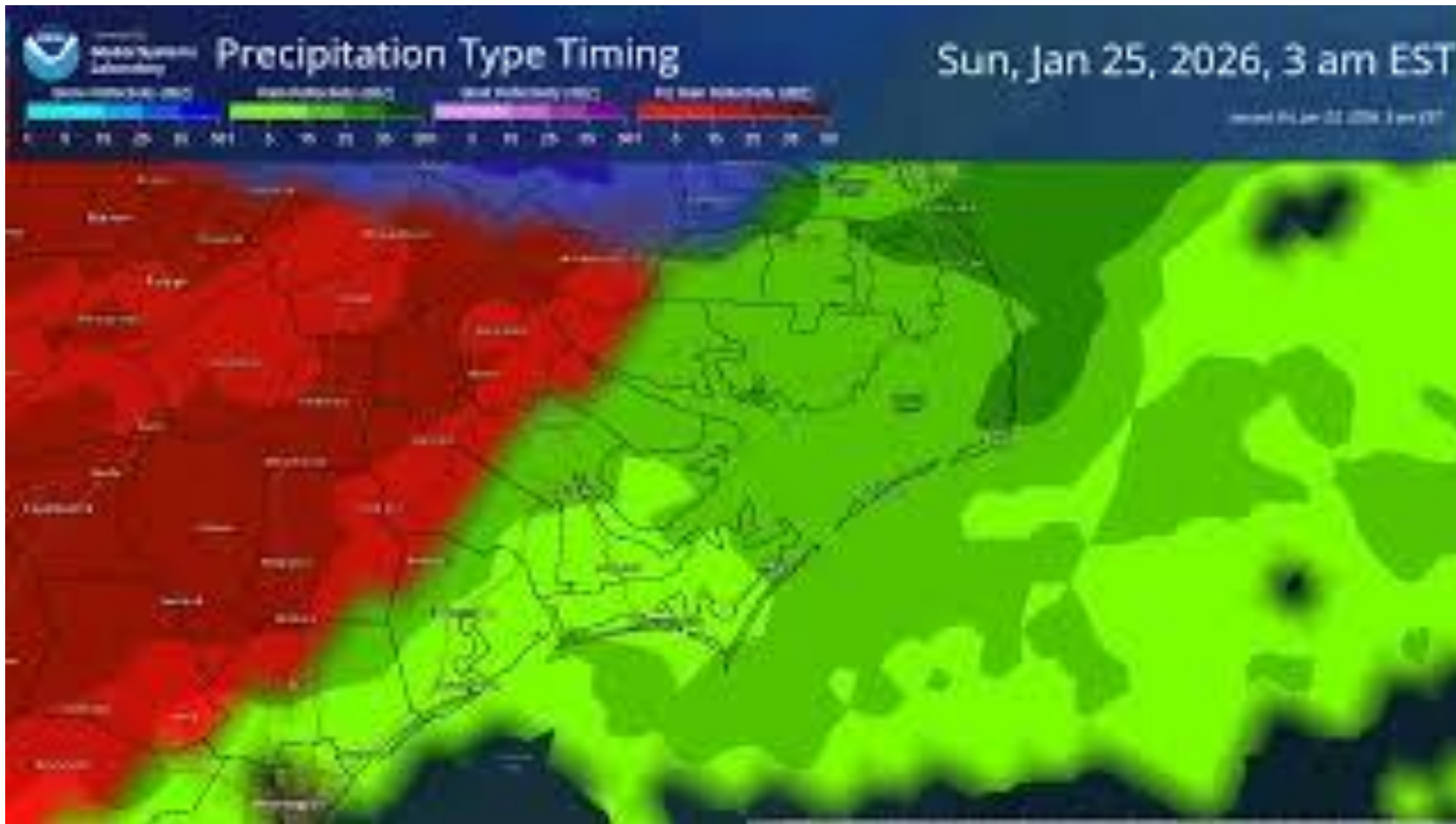
National Weather Service
Newport/Morehead City, NC



Precipitation Type/Timing

January 23, 2026
4:30 AM EST

Follow: www.weather.gov/mhx for updates



- Click or tap **ANYWHERE** on the image to the left to see a high resolution video.
- This gives you a rough idea of timing, intensity (darker colors mean heavier), and precipitation type.
- Be sure to change to fullscreen and 1080P for the best quality.
- **This is subject to adjustments but gives you an idea as of now (Friday morning).**





Threat Levels/Timing - Max Values

January 23, 2026
4:30 AM

For Eastern North Carolina. Please Reference Previous Slides/Graphics for Areal Coverage Information

	Saturday	Sat Night	Sunday	Sun Night	Monday					
Freezing Rain	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sleet	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cold	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Marine	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Effects and Impacts Legend

0 Little to No Impact

1 Minor Impact

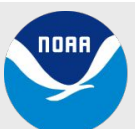
2 Moderate Impact

3 High Impact

4 Extreme Impact

Key Messages

- Timing and threat levels are based on the most likely or current track. **These are subject to CHANGE.**
- Continue to monitor future updates and do not anchor on one forecast!





Much Below “Normal”

January 23, 2026
4:30 AM EST

Early Next Week

Temperature Forecast

	1/25 Sun						1/26 Mon								1/27 Tue								1/28 Wed				
	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm
Greenville	31	33	36	38	39	38	41	39	37	38	38	38	32	26	22	18	15	20	29	33	30	25	23	22	20	26	35
Hatteras	56	58	59	58	58	57	57	54	50	48	45	43	40	35	30	28	26	28	31	35	38	38	38	36	35	36	39
Jacksonville	35	39	42	46	47	47	50	47	43	44	44	44	35	27	22	18	15	23	34	38	34	27	24	23	21	30	41
Morehead City	45	49	52	52	52	52	53	50	45	46	46	44	35	28	22	19	17	23	33	38	35	30	28	27	25	32	41
New Bern	39	41	43	46	46	51	54	52	46	43	43	42	39	33	29	25	22	25	32	36	34	32	30	29	28	31	38
Washington	34	37	40	42	43	41	43	42	39	39	39	39	33	26	22	18	14	21	31	34	31	25	23	22	20	27	37
Williamston	31	35	38	40	40	38	40	39	36	37	38	38	32	25	21	17	13	20	30	33	29	24	22	21	19	26	35

*Table values in °F
**Created: 1 am EST Fri 1/23/2026





Are you ready for **ICE STORMS?**

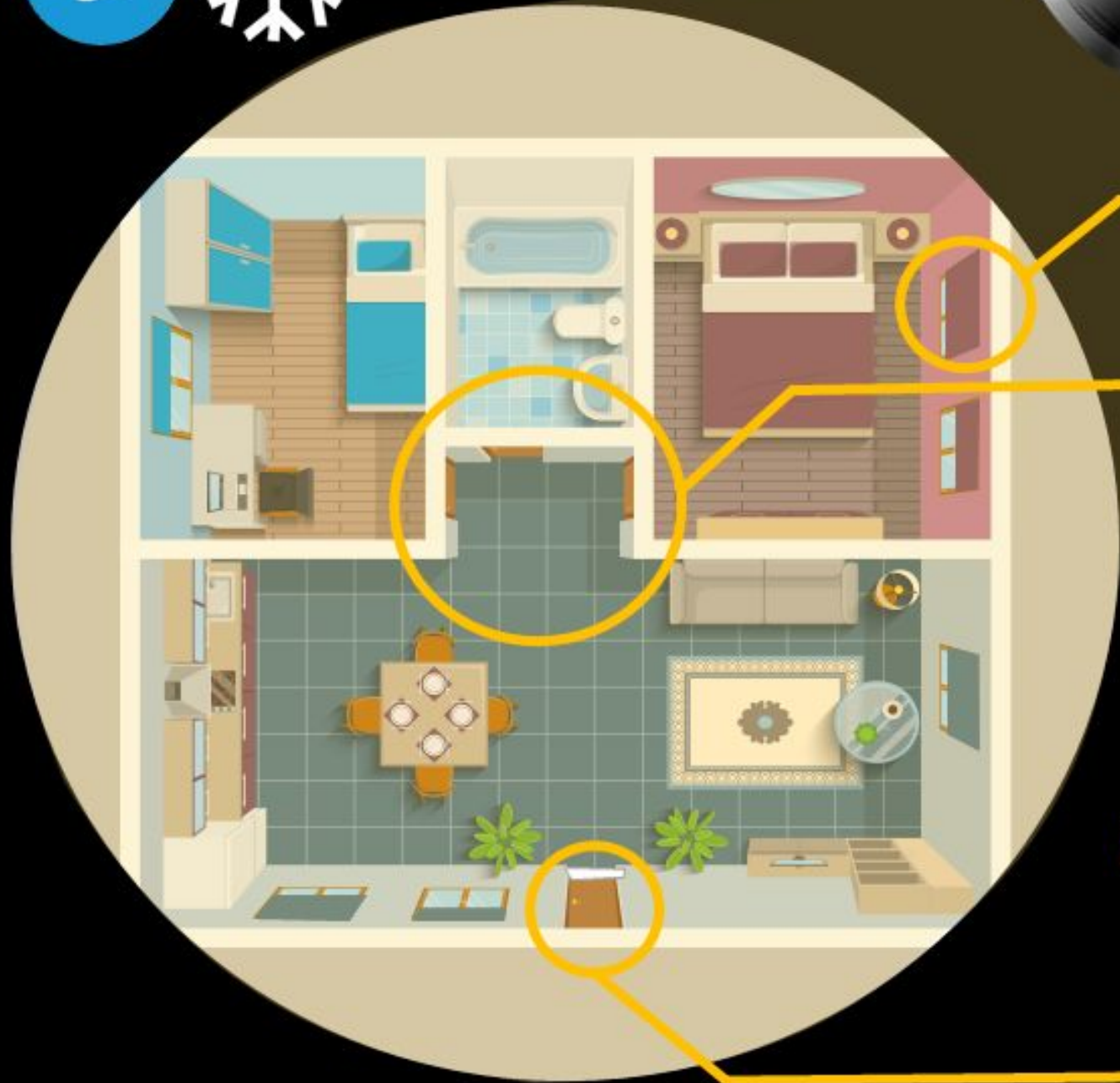
- Trim weak or damaged branches around your home
- Don't leave vehicle wipers raised
- Have a week's worth of food and prescriptions
- Don't park your car under trees
- Keep devices charged



weather.gov



Staying **warm** when the power is out



Close blinds or curtains to keep in some heat.

Close off rooms to avoid wasting heat.

Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.

Eat and drink. Food provides energy to warm the body. Avoid caffeine and alcohol.

Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors.



After the Winter Storm: **POWER OUTAGE**



Be careful with heat sources

Candles and space heaters are a fire risk. Also stay warm by bundling up and keeping doors closed, placing towels in cracks.



Practice portable generator safety

Use outdoors, at least 20 feet away from doors/windows/garages to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Follow instructions on proper use.



Check on neighbors

Once your family is safe, check on your neighbors and the vulnerable to make sure they are OK.

weather.gov





Contact and Next Briefing Information

January 23, 2026
4:30 AM EST

For National Weather Service Newport / Morehead City



Briefing Webpage

→ weather.gov/media/mhx/LatestBriefing.pdf



Next Briefing

→ By 5:00 PM Friday January 23, 2026
→ Method: Email



Disclaimer

→ Information contained in this briefing is time-sensitive



Contact Information

Web

→ weather.gov/mhx

Phone

→ 252-223-5737

Email

→ wxobs.mhx@noaa.gov

Facebook

→ www.facebook.com/NWSMoreheadCity

Twitter

→ www.twitter.com/NWSMoreheadCity

