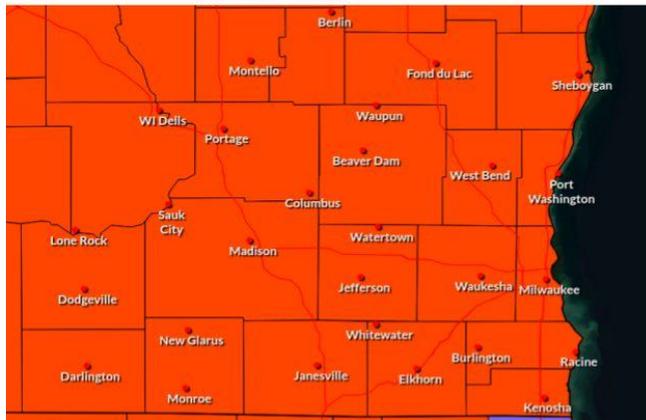




# March 14-16, 2026 Winter Storm

## Freezing Rain, Sleet, Heavy Snow & Gusty Winds Bring Blizzard Conditions

### Blizzard Warning



#### Blizzard Warning Criteria:

- All of the following at the same time for 3 hr or more:
  - Winds over 35mph
  - Visibility of ¼ mi or less (Whiteout Conditions)
  - Snow falling or blowing
  - There is **NO SNOW** amount threshold

Blizzard Warning graphic issued by NWS Milwaukee/Sullivan

**Event Setup:** Three phases of precipitation impacted the area from the evening of March 14 into the afternoon of March 16. The first round occurred during the overnight of March 14-15, bringing snow and wintry mix to locations mainly north of I-94 and US-18. The second round moved in during the morning and afternoon hours on March 15 as low pressure shifted from Kansas City into Illinois. A warm front affiliated with the low remained south of the area, though elevated warm advection moved in overhead, allowing precipitation to melt on its way to the surface. With near-surface temperatures below freezing, precipitation either fell as sleet or freezing rain, leading to icy conditions, particularly over the north half of the area. The third round arrived late March 15 into the afternoon of March 16 as an area of deformation aloft moved in from the west. Colder temperatures allowed for moderate to heavy snow in this final round, which combined with howling winds to create blizzard conditions. Click the following links to learn more about impacts in the NWS [Green Bay](#), [La Crosse](#), and [Twin Cities](#) forecast areas.

**Event Overview:** A winter storm brought significant impacts to southern Wisconsin & the entirety of the western Great Lakes vicinity between March 14-16, 2026. While not as high as the historic values occurring in west-central and northeast parts of the state, the storm brought substantial snow accumulation to most of southern Wisconsin. Snow was preceded by sleet and freezing rain, leading to icy and snow-covered roads by the morning of March 16. Gusty winds combined with the wintry precipitation to prompt Blizzard Warnings. These were the first Blizzard Warnings for Milwaukee & Madison since 2011 & 2012 respectively.

### Highest Snow Reports (Inches): March 14-16

Princeton 3.4 SE	20.0
Ripon 3.1 WSW	18.0
Ripon 2.8 NNW	15.3
Green Lake 0.8 E	14.5
Montello 2.0 SE	14.0
Neshkoro	13.5
Hartford 1.7 ESE	12.6
Sun Prairie	12.0
Sheboygan 1.8 S	11.6
Theresa 0.5 SSW	11.2
St. Peter	11.0
Poynette 4.0 ENE	11.0
Beaver Dam 2.4 WNW	10.9
Lodi	10.5
Baraboo	10.2
Darlington 4.9 SSE	10.0
Horicon	10.0
Columbus 1.2 S	10.0
Lake Mills 0.5 SW	9.9

### March 14-16 Total Snow Accumulations - Thank You For Your Reports!

