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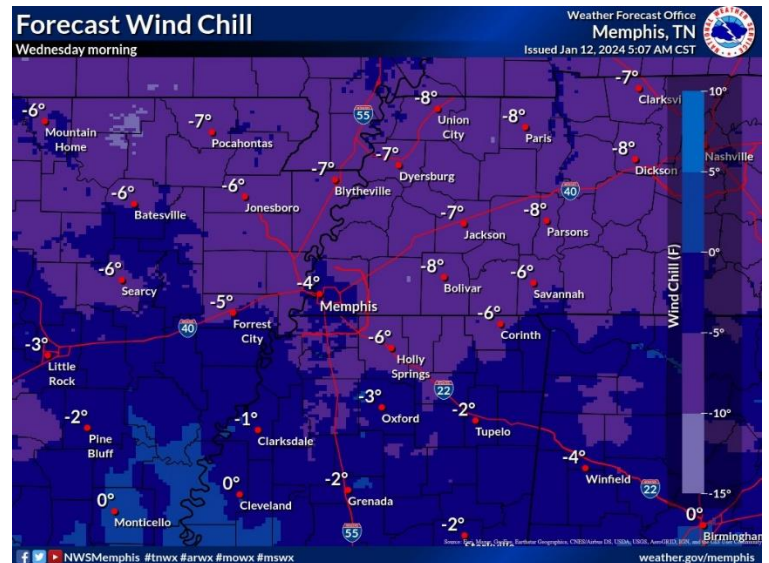
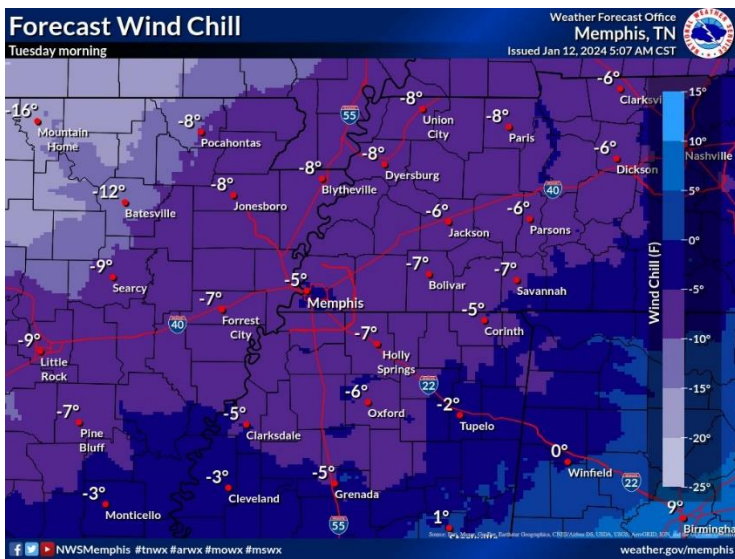
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Prepare Now! Winter Weather Arriving in the Mid-South!

Per the National Weather Service, strong gradient winds will continue through the afternoon and evening. There is a possibility of sustained winds of 20-30 mph with gusts to 50 mph peaking this afternoon.

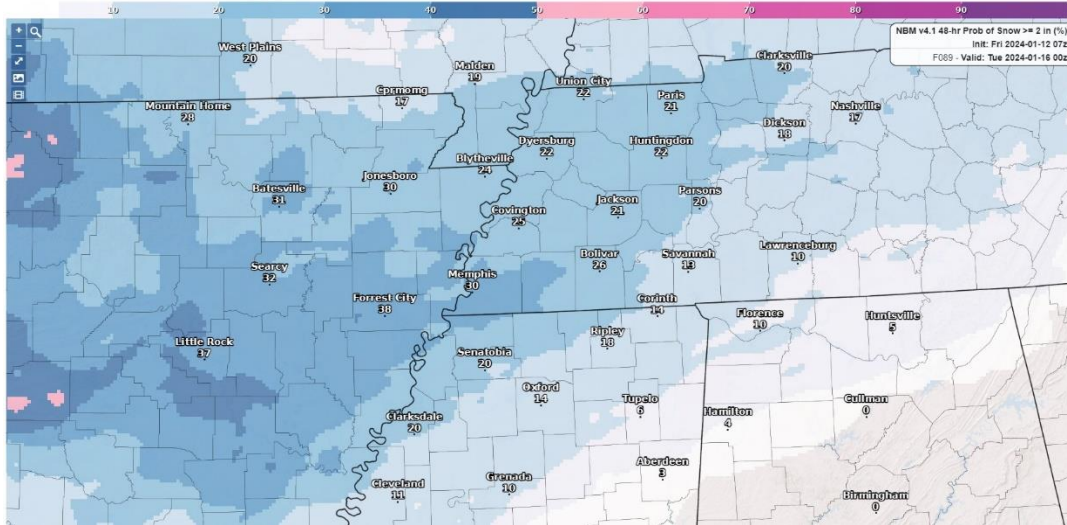
An arctic blast will arrive this weekend, resulting in frigid temperatures Sunday through the middle of next week. Dangerous cold temperatures and wind chill readings will be accompanied by a potential for accumulating snowfall. Arctic air will settle over the region with highs mainly in the 20s and 30s. Snow will begin as early as Sunday afternoon over northeast Arkansas and the Missouri Bootheel, spreading south and east during the late afternoon and evening. Single-digit wind chill readings across much of the Mid-South Sunday night with some areas north of I-40 dropping below zero.





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Winter Weather Safety Tips:

Home Preparation Tips:

- Make sure your pipes don't freeze during the cold snap.
 - Open cabinet doors under the bathroom and kitchen sinks, then turn the interior faucets on so there's a steady drip.
 - Use pipe protecting foam to insulate pipes.
- Install weather stripping to fill in cracks around doors and windows to keep the cold air from coming in.
- Use Outdoor faucet covers to cover exposed waterspouts.
- Make sure any space heater is at least three (3) feet away from combustible items, like curtains, bedspreads or piles of clothing and unplug it when you go to sleep. Try to buy a space heater that cuts off if it tips over.

Vehicle Preparation Tips:

- Make sure you have a good battery.
- Make sure you have proper tire pressure and tread depth
- Check and level off fluids
- Inspect your windshield wiper blades carefully
- Top off your gas tank
- Make sure you have an emergency kit in the car, including jumper cables, an ice scraper, a flashlight, a bag of kitty litter and snacks.

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