

Cold Weather Alert Planning Advice

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Forecast for Mon 14 Jan 2013 to Fri 18 Jan 2013

General Situation: Cold air is set to persist this week, with a frontal system spreading from the northwest across the whole of England today, bringing 2 to 5cm of snow quite widely across parts of eastern England, and more than this to hills in this area. Some snow showers are likely to continue to affect parts of eastern England during Tuesday and Wednesday with frontal systems edging towards the far southwest of England later in the week, perhaps bringing some rain or sleet here. It remains cold throughout, with the risk of ice, snow and cold or very cold temperatures.

Forecast for Sat 19 Jan 2013 to Mon 28 Jan 2013

General Situation: Eastern areas of England will be largely dry for a time at first, with frontal systems trying to spread in from the west at times. There will again be the risk of some sleet and snow where these areas meet, and there remains the possibility of further accumulations, perhaps significant. The cold air is likely to persist though much of the period with all areas remaining mostly cold or very cold, although perhaps slightly milder in the southwest at times. The main feature during this period is likely to be the continuing cold temperatures, with an ongoing risk of frost and ice, but less certain are the amounts of snow.

Forecast for Tue 29 Jan 2013 to Tue 12 Feb 2013

General Situation: There is a lot of uncertainty for this period, but on balance cold, drier than normal conditions seem most likely.

Region	% Risk Day 1 to 5	% Risk Day 6 to 15	% Risk Day 16 to 30	Trigger criteria for each Region - (Deg C)
NE England	90	80	70	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
NW England	90	70	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
Yorks & Humber	90	80	70	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
West Midlands	90	70	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.

East Midlands	90	80	70	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
East of England	90	80	70	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
SE England	90	80	70	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
London	90	70	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
SW England	90	60	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.