

Freezing Rain Potential

For the western Carolinas and northeast Georgia

OVERVIEW

- The next low pressure system will bring the potential for freezing rain at precipitation onset.
- The best chance for freezing rain will be along the Blue Ridge Escarpment and portions of the northern mountains and possibly parts of the foothills and I-40 corridor.



	TIMING	Early Saturday morning through early Saturday afternoon.
	HAZARDS & IMPACTS	 Temperatures are expected to be at or just below freezing at precipitation onset. The highest ice accumulations of one to two tenths is expected to be in the in a narrow zone along the Blue Ridge escarpment from Avery and Caldwell Counties (NC) through Yancey and McDowell counties (NC). Icing may create slippery conditions on roads, bridges and sidewalks. A few power outages may also occur, especially in locations that experienced power outages from the previous icing.
	NWS ALERTS	 None. A Winter Weather Advisory may be needed by Friday afternoon.
	FORECAST CHALLENGES	 The temperatures and timing of precipitation onset. If rain starts later, less icing is expected. If temperatures cool slower than expected, more icing will be possible.
	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	 Confidence is increasing for freezing rain. Confidence remains low for a significant icing event.
	POST-EVENT OUTLOOK	 Occasional rain will continue through the day Saturday. Attention quickly shifts to the overnight Saturday into Sunday morning to the potential for a robust line of thunderstorms. A cold front will bring cooler and drier across the area later on Sunday. A brief period of northwest flow snow showers will be possible along the Tennessee Sunday night with light accumulations.
p	NEXT BRIEFING	6 PM EST Friday, February 14th, 2025

