

# NOAA's National Weather Service Philadelphia/Mt. Holly NJ



### Issued: Wednesday, March 4, 2015 500 PM

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### **Hazards and Impacts:**

**Overview:** Rain will change to snow from north to south tonight, then continue through a good part of Thursday. Many locations may see a snow/ sleet mixture during the transition. For many areas, this could be the biggest snowstorm of the season.

**Snow**: Accumulations are expected to range from 4 to 8 inches across most of the region, with 2 to 4 inches further north in the Poconos and far northwest New Jersey. The changeover to sleet and snow is expected to begin after this evening 's commute. The snow from this event will tend to be wetter (heavier) than previous storms so far this winter. For the most up to date snow total forecast and probabilistic snow forecasts, please visit **www.weather.gov/phi/winter** 

**Ice:** Minor accumulations of generally less than one-tenth of an inch in the central Delmarva early Thursday morning.

**Rain:** Three-quarters to one inch before changeover to snow, mainly in the south. Low-lying and poor drainage flooding possible. Snow-filled drains and ditches may add to the problem.

**Winds:** North to northwest in the 10 to 20 mph range. Winds will gust up to 30 mph closer to the Atlantic coast Thursday night, resulting in some blowing snow.

**Temperatures:** In the 20s on Thursday, holding steady or slowly falling through the day.

**Tidal Flooding:** No problems expected.

Driving conditions will deteriorate quickly once the changeover from snow to rain takes place. The worst conditions will likely coincide with the Thursday morning commute.

#### Timing:

Higher elevations (Poconos and NW NJ) could see a change to all snow as early as 8 PM. For the rest of the region, expect a few hours of snow/sleet mix after the evening commute, before changing over to all snow during the late evening and early overnight hours as colder air moves in.



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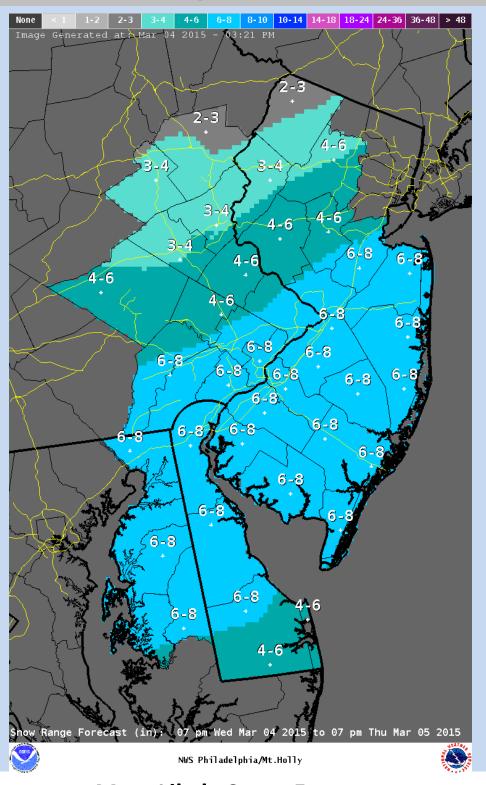




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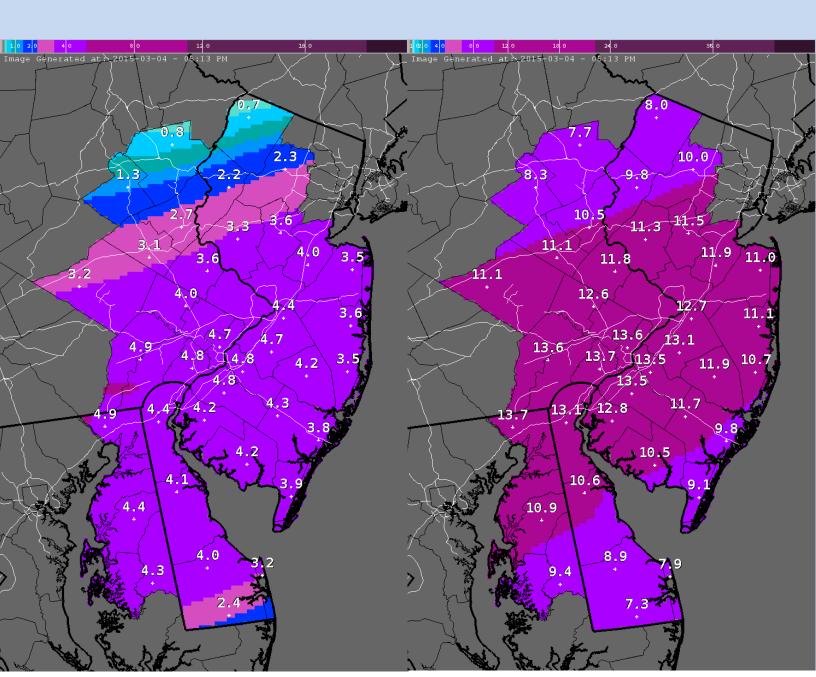




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#### **Minimum Snow Forecast**

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These two maps provide reasonable estimates of possible minimum (L) and maximum (R) snowfall amounts from this event based on statistical analysis of model guidance. They do **not** represent the official NWS forecast.



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