

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...UPDATED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEW ORLEANS LA
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...SNOWFALL TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 11TH 2008...

HERE ARE REPORTED SNOWFALL TOTALS FROM TODAYS UNSEASONABLE SNOWFALL. IN MUCH OF THE AREA...THIS IS THE EARLIEST SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL OF THE WINTER SEASON. THESE REPORTS ARE GENERALLY FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES...LAW ENFORCEMENT...FIRE STATIONS AND COOPERATIVE OBSERVERS. WE THANK THESE PEOPLE FOR THEIR EFFORTS TODAY.

ACCORDING TO MEDIA AND POWER COMPANY REPORTS...THERE WERE 83000 HOMES AND BUSINESSES AROUND SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA WITHOUT POWER AS OF 1130 AM DUE TO THE SNOW. NUMEROUS VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS WERE REPORTED...SOME CAUSING EXTENDED CLOSURES AND DELAYS ON MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES...ESPECIALLY FROM THE BATON ROUGE AREA TO HAMMOND.

MOST LOCATIONS THAT RECEIVED 2 INCHES OR LESS SNOW EXPERIENCED COMPLETE MELTING THIS AFTERNOON...WHILE AREAS WITH THE HEAVIER SNOW AMOUNTS REPORTED SUBSTANTIAL SNOW REMAINING ON THE GROUND AS OF THIS EVENING.

AN UNUSUALLY STRONG AND COLD UPPER LEVEL STORM SYSTEM FOR THE GULF COAST AREA MOVED RIGHT OVER SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA AND EXTREME SOUTH MISSISSIPPI THIS MORNING...AND THIS RESULTED IN COOLING THE SURFACE TEMPERATURES JUST ENOUGH TO CHANGE THE MODERATE AND HEAVY RAIN OVER TO MODERATE TO HEAVY SNOW. THE HEAVIEST SNOW OCCURRED OVER THE FLORIDA PARISHES OF EAST CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA...FROM EAST OF BATON ROUGE TO THE PEARL RIVER...AND ALONG AND NORTH OF INTERSTATE 12.

CITYCOUNTY/PARISHAMOUNT

AMITE	TANGIPAHOA LA	8 INCHES
CROSSROADS	PEARL RIVER MS	6 INCHES
HAMMOND	TAHGIPAHOA LA	6 INCHES
MOUNT HERMAN	WASHINGTON LA	6 INCHES
COVINGTON	ST. TAMMANY LA	5-6 INCHES
ZACHARY	EAST BATON ROUGE LA	5.5 INCHES
LIVINGSTON	LIVINGSTON LA	5.5 INCHES
BOGALUSA	WASHINGTON LA	5 INCHES
SUN	ST. TAMMANY LA	5 INCHES
FRANKLINTON	WASHINGTON LA	5 INCHES
GREENSBURG	ST. HELENA LA	4 INCHES
ENON	WASHINGTON LA	4 INCHES
NEW ROADS	POINTE COUPEE LA	3 INCHES
BATON ROUGE	EAST BATON ROUGE LA	3 INCHES
POPLARVILLE	PEARL RIVER MS	3 INCHES
SUMMIT	PIKE MS	3 INCHES
WOODVILLE	WILKINSON MS	3 INCHES
TYLERTOWN	WALTHALL MS	3 INCHES
MANDEVILLE	ST. TAMMANY LA	2.5 INCHES
PLAQUEMINE	IBERVILLE LA	2.5 INCHES
ABITA SPRINGS	ST. TAMMANY LA	2 INCHES
CLINTON	EAST FELICIANA LA	2 INCHES

CONVENT	ST. JAMES LA	2 INCHES
PORT ALLEN	WEST BATON ROUGE LA	2 INCHES
LIBERTY	AMITE MS	2 INCHES
MCCOMB	PIKE MS	2 INCHES
GONZALES	ASCENSION LA	1.5 INCHES
NAPOLEONVILLE	ASSUMPTION LA	1.5 INCHES
HAHNVILLE	ST. CHARLES LA	1.5 INCHES
NEW ORLEANS	ORLEANS LA	1 INCH
GRETNA	JEFFERSON LA	1 INCH
LAPLACE	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST LA	1 INCH
SLIDELL	ST. TAMMANY LA	1 INCH
MCNEIL	PEARL RIVER MS	1 INCH
CHALMETTE	ST. BERNARD LA	TRACE
PICAYUNE	PEARL RIVER MS	TRACE