

NWS Brownsville: Freeze and Extreme Cold Watches in Effect

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Good afternoon everyone,

...FREEZE WATCH IN EFFECT FOR SUNDAY NIGHT INTO MONDAY MORNING...

...EXTREME COLD WATCH IN EFFECT FOR SUNDAY NIGHT INTO MONDAY MORNING...

Bottom Lines

A cold front moving through Saturday will bring extremely cold air to Deep South Texas through the first part of the week. Temperatures at or below 32 degrees are expected across most of Deep South Texas Sunday night into Monday morning. In addition, winds chills of 25 degrees or below are expected Sunday night into Monday. A Freeze Watch and Extreme Cold Watch are now in effect. Freezing temperatures and some dangerous wind chills are also expected on Monday night into Tuesday morning.

Timing and Overview

- Freeze Watch is in effect for freezing temperatures from 9 PM Sunday night until 10 AM Monday morning for all of Deep South Texas **excluding** the islands. A freeze is expected as temperatures fall to the low 20s across the northern Ranchlands to the low 30s across the Mid and Lower RGV. A Freeze Warning could be issued for this time frame on Saturday. A second Freeze Warning will likely be needed for the same areas with a similar time frame Monday night into Tuesday.
- A hard freeze (temperatures $<28^{\circ}$ for 2+ hours) is possible across Starr, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kenedy, Willacy and N. Hidalgo counties as early as 3 AM Monday until 7 AM Monday morning. A second hard freeze is possible again on Tuesday around midnight for similar areas but beginning a few hours earlier.

- An Extreme Cold Watch is in effect for all of Deep South Texas **including** the islands for extreme cold from 3 AM until 8 AM Monday. Extreme Cold Warnings may go into effect on Saturday. Extreme Cold Warnings and/or Cold Weather Advisories may be needed early Tuesday morning.

Freeze Watch

Sunday Night for All of Deep South Texas Except the Islands

 **From 9 PM Sunday to 10 AM Monday**

 **All of Deep South Texas except the islands**

 **Lows: 24° to 31°**

Protect:    

People - Pets - Plants - Pipes

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FREEZE WATCH AREA



Extreme Cold Watch

Late Sunday Night to 8 AM Monday Morning

 **Deep South Texas**

 → **Lows: 24° to 31°**
→ **Wind Chills: 14° to 21°**

Protect:    

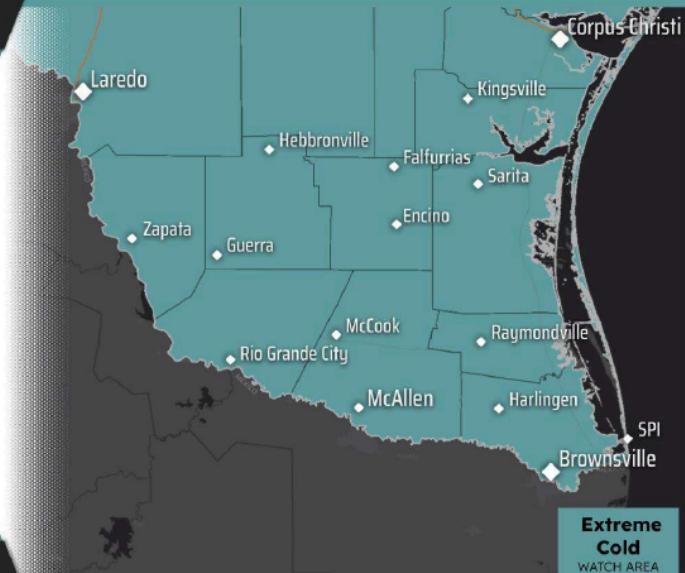
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Extreme Cold WATCH AREA



3hr Temperature Forecast: Sun thru Tue Morning

	Sun									Mon									Tue								
	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am							
Brownsville	53	47	46	48	52	52	47	43	37	32	31	34	43	46	42	38	35	34	35	43							
Edinburg	50	45	44	45	54	55	48	42	37	31	30	33	44	49	42	35	30	28	29	36							
Falfurrias	41	36	36	39	47	48	41	35	29	24	24	29	41	46	38	30	23	21	22	32							
Harlingen	51	44	43	45	52	52	46	41	35	30	29	33	42	46	40	35	32	30	31	39							
Hebronville	39	36	35	38	46	48	41	34	29	24	24	30	40	46	38	29	23	21	22	32							
McAllen	52	46	45	46	54	56	49	44	38	33	32	34	44	49	44	37	32	30	31	37							
Raymondville	47	41	40	43	50	50	43	38	32	27	27	31	41	45	39	33	28	26	28	37							
Rio Grande City	49	43	43	46	56	56	49	43	36	31	31	35	47	51	43	35	29	27	27	36							
Roma	47	42	42	45	54	55	48	42	36	31	31	36	46	51	43	35	29	26	27	35							
Sarita	41	36	35	38	46	46	40	33	28	24	24	28	39	44	38	30	25	23	24	34							
South Padre Island	57	52	50	50	50	51	51	48	44	41	40	40	43	47	48	48	47	46	48	50							
Weslaco	51	45	44	46	53	54	48	42	37	32	31	33	43	48	42	36	32	30	31	38							
Brownsville	53	41	40	43	52	52	41	36	29	22	21	24	35	41	38	33	29	28	29	39							
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Minimum Temperature Forecast

- Region-wide freezing (or below) temperatures Monday morning

Wind Chill Forecast

- Region-wide **teens to 20° F** "feels like" temperatures Monday morning

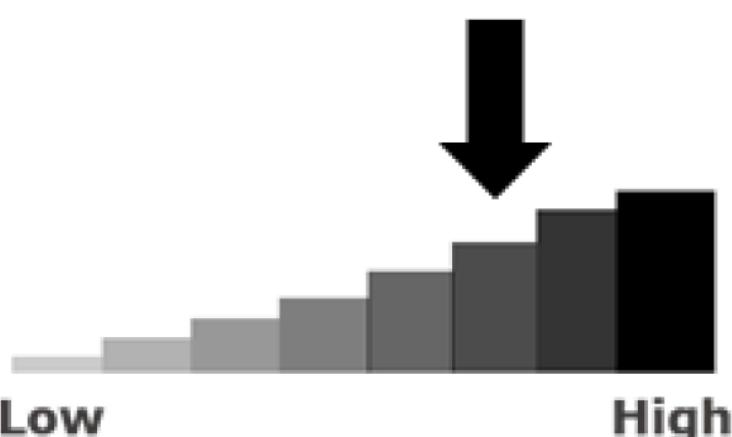
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Confidence

The general level of confidence for the forecast is at a medium high level with the weather models continuing to have the same trends.

Forecast Confidence



Potential Impacts and Precautions

- The cold could cause hypothermia to persons exposed without adequate protection.
 - Several layers of light insulating clothing, a hat, and gloves are recommended to keep warm.
 - Cold bay and surf temperatures, combined with the cold air temperatures, will pose an increased risk of hypothermia for anyone who ends up in the water.
- Temperatures below freezing for several hours will kill young, tender tropical vegetation and could damage more established subtropical plants.
 - Cover or move indoors overnight Saturday and overnight Sunday.
- Exposed pipes may freeze or burst.

- If possible, insulate pipes to help prevent freezing.
- Allowing faucets to drip can relieve pressure and prevent pipes from bursting if they freeze.
- Sea turtle "cold stunning" may occur with bay and surf temperatures at or below 50 degrees.

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FREEZE WATCH

- Issued when a Freeze or Hard Freeze may occur within the next 24 to 48 hours.
- 32°F for 2 or more hours in a 12 hour period.
- Freezing temperatures cover 1/2 or more of a zone's area or population.

FREEZE WARNING

- Issued when a Freeze or Hard Freeze is expected within the next 12 to 36 hours.
- 32°F for 2 or more hours in a 12 hour period.
- Freezing temperatures cover 1/2 or more of a zone's area or population.

Protect:    

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NWS Brownsville Cold Weather Advisory Criteria

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Cold Weather Advisory

- Issued within 24 hours when feels like temperature conditions are met for 2 or more hours within a 12 hour period across 1/2 of a forecast zone or population.
- Zapata, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kenedy: 16° to 25°
- Willacy, Cameron, Hidalgo, and Starr counties: 21° to 30°



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Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for additional information. Forecasters are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to respond.

Resources

- **NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley Staff:** [956-504-1432 ext. 2](tel:956-504-1432)
- [NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley Preparedness](#)
- [NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley Winter Awareness](#)

- [Hourly Forecasts \(Click Your Location\)](#)
- [Weather Prediction Center Winter Forecasts](#)
- [NWS Cold Safety | Infographics](#)
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