



## Unsettled weather today with locally windy conditions today and Friday

### KEY POINTS

- A cold front will move through the region this afternoon bringing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to AZ, with better chances across south-central AZ. A few isolated thunderstorms will also be possible with lightning, gusty winds, and small hail possible hazards.
- Gusty winds with a 30% chance of speeds locally in excess of 40 mph will surge down the Lower Colorado River this afternoon and evening and Friday
- Dry conditions return region wide on Friday.
- Below normal temperatures to end the week, with some locations expected to reach the freezing mark on both Friday and Saturday morning.
- Temperatures will gradually warm this weekend through the first half of next week, and go back above normal by Sunday.

### WEATHER RISK OUTLOOK

Risk levels incorporate potential impacts from weather hazards and likelihood of occurrence for a reasonable worse case scenario.

	Thu 1/8	Fri 1/9	Sat 1/10	Sun 1/11	Mon 1/12	Tue 1/13	Wed 1/14
<b>Phoenix Metro</b> Including Maricopa and NW Pinal Counties	Wind Scattered Showers Isolated T-Storms	Freeze	Freeze				
<b>Higher Terrain SC AZ</b> S. Gila County and Tonto NF Foothills in NE Maricopa County	Wind Scattered Showers Isolated T-Storms	Freeze	Freeze				
<b>Southwest AZ</b> Including La Paz and Yuma Counties	Dense Fog (AM) Wind Isolated Showers	Wind	Freeze				
<b>Southeast CA</b> Including Imperial and Eastern Riverside Counties	Dense Fog (AM) Wind	Wind					
<b>Joshua Tree National Park</b>	Wind	Wind Freeze	Freeze				

#### Risk Levels

Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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### DETAILS

## Maricopa County



### Thunderstorms

**Impacts:**

Gusty winds, heavy rain, graupel, and lightning.

**Timing:**

This afternoon and evening

**Confidence:**

Low

**Details:**

- 20-30% chance of thunderstorms.



### Wind

**Impacts:**

Strong winds may produce difficult driving conditions for high profile vehicles

Temporary fences and structures may be damaged

**Timing:**

This afternoon and evening

**Confidence:**

Low

**Details:**

- Scattered showers may create locally gusty winds in excess of 35 mph (30-50% chance).



### Freeze

**Impacts:**

Cold temperatures will impact the homeless and those without adequate heating. Sensitive plants left outdoors may be damaged or killed.

**Timing:**

Friday and Saturday morning

**Confidence:**

Moderate

**Details:**

- **Freeze Watch in effect for the NW corner of Maricopa County on Friday and Saturday mornings and for NW Pinal County on Saturday morning.**
- Rural, low lying, and valley areas are forecasted to see temperatures drop into the low to mid 30s on Friday morning, and in the upper 20s to low 30s on Saturday morning

## Higher Terrain SC AZ



### Thunderstorms

**Impacts:**

Gusty winds, heavy rain, graupel, and lightning.

**Timing:**

This afternoon and evening

**Confidence:**

Low

**Details:**

- 20-30% chance of thunderstorms.



### Wind

**Impacts:**

Strong winds may produce difficult driving conditions for high profile vehicles

Temporary fences and structures may be damaged

**Timing:**

This afternoon and evening

**Confidence:**

Low

**Details:**

- Scattered showers may create locally gusty winds in excess of 35 mph (30-50%).



### Freeze

**Impacts:**

Cold temperatures will impact the homeless and those without adequate heating. Sensitive plants left outdoors may be damaged or killed.

**Timing:**

Friday and Saturday morning

**Confidence:**

High

**Details:**

- **Freeze Watch in effect for SW Gila County both Friday and Saturday mornings.**
- Morning lows forecasted to be in the upper 20s to low 30s.

## Southwest Arizona



Dense Fog

**Impacts:**

Travel delays in areas of fog with low visibility at times.

**Timing:**

Through 10am MST

**Confidence:**

High

**Details:**

• **Dense Fog Advisory in effect through 10am MST, for visibilities less than 1/4 mile for much of Yuma County.**



Wind

**Impacts:**

Strong winds may produce difficult driving conditions for high profile vehicles  
Reduced visibility due to blowing dust and sand

**Timing:**

This afternoon through Friday

**Confidence:**

Moderate

**Details:**

• Strong northerly wind gusts surging down the Lower Colorado River valley  
• 30% chance wind gusts exceed 40 mph this afternoon and evening and Friday



Freeze

**Impacts:**

Below freezing temperatures.

**Timing:**

Saturday morning

**Confidence:**

Moderate

**Details:**

• **Freeze Watch in effect for most of La Paz County Saturday morning.**  
• Morning lows forecasted to be in the low 30s.

## Southeast California



Dense Fog

**Impacts:**

Travel delays in areas of fog with low visibility at times.

**Timing:**

Through 9am MST

**Confidence:**

High

**Details:**

• **Dense Fog Advisory in effect through 9am PST, for visibilities less than 1/4 mile for SE Imperial County.**



Wind

**Impacts:**

Strong winds may produce difficult driving conditions for high profile vehicles  
Reduced visibility due to blowing dust and sand

**Timing:**

This afternoon through Friday

**Confidence:**

Moderate

**Details:**

• Strong northerly wind gusts surging down the Lower Colorado River valley  
• 30% chance wind gusts exceed 40 mph this afternoon and evening

## Joshua Tree National Park



Wind

### Impacts:

Strong winds may produce difficult driving conditions for high profile vehicles  
Reduced visibility due to blowing dust and sand

### Timing:

This afternoon and Evening

### Details:

- Strong northerly wind gusts.
- 50% chance wind gusts exceed 40 mph this afternoon and evening



Freeze

### Impacts:

Cold temperatures will impact the homeless and those without adequate heating. Sensitive plants left outdoors may be damaged or killed.

### Timing:

Friday and Saturday morning

### Confidence:

High

### Details:

- Morning lows forecasted to be in the upper 20s to low 30s across western portions of the park.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For the latest forecast updates, visit [weather.gov/phoenix](https://www.weather.gov/phoenix).

If you have questions or would like to submit weather reports, photos, or to unsubscribe from these briefings, email [nws.phoenix@noaa.gov](mailto:nws.phoenix@noaa.gov) or call .

## GRAPHICS

**Dense Fog Advisory**  
Timing: Now - 10 AM MST/9 AM PST  
January 8, 2026  
6:06 AM

**Actions to Take:**

- Leave extra time for travel and be prepared for sudden reductions in visibility
- Travel delays possible
- Reduced visibilities

**Be Prepared For:**

Morning Fog  
Visibility Locally < 1/4 Mile

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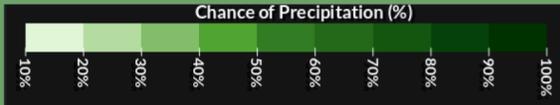
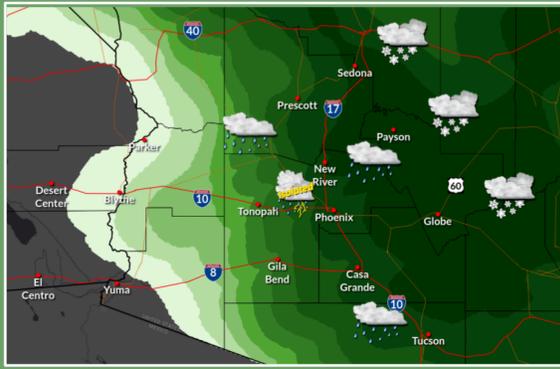
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# Scattered Showers and Storms Today

January 8, 2026  
6:06 AM

Timing: This afternoon and early evening



## Details:

- Another round of scattered showers and isolated t-storms over south-central AZ this afternoon and evening as a cold front moves through the region.
- ◆ Rainfall totals 0.05-0.15" in the lower elevations. Locally higher totals of 0.25-0.75" across the higher terrain areas east of Phoenix. Light accumulating snowfall (between a dusting and 1-2") above 5000-6000'.
- Any thunderstorms that develop could result in **brief downpours, gusty winds, and pea-size hail.**

## Impacts:

- Brief heavy rainfall
- Gusty winds of 30-40 mph  
Chance of winds > 35 mph: 30-50%
- Occasional lightning
- Small Hail/Graupel

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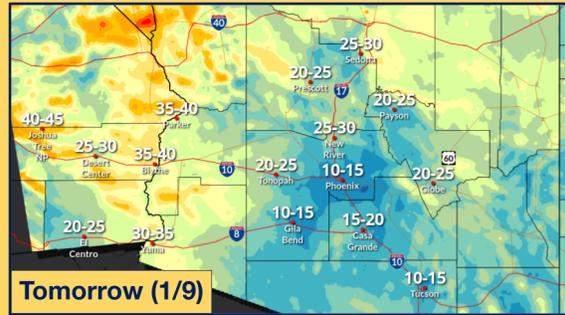
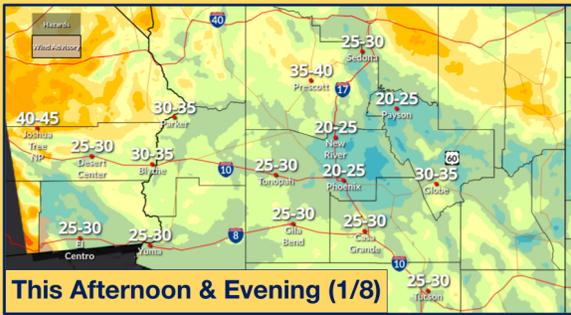
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# Breezy to Locally Windy Conditions Ahead

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Timing: Today and Tomorrow



## Impacts/Precautions



- Secure loose outdoor items
- Tents & temporary structures should be properly tied down
- Localized blowing dust/sand (mainly southeast California)
- Difficult driving conditions

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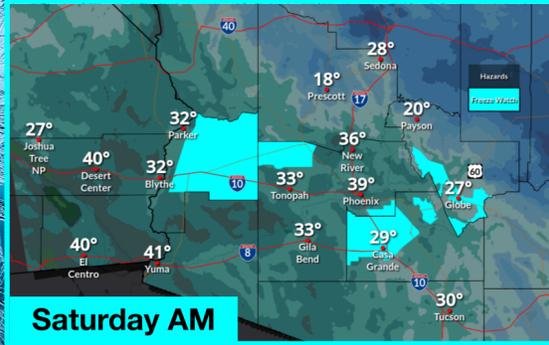
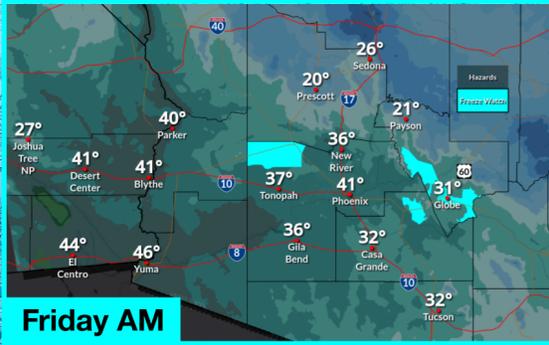
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# Freeze Watch

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Timing: Friday and Saturday Morning



Freezing temperatures can damage or kill plants that are sensitive to the cold



Added hardship to the unhousted



Outdoor pets may not be acclimated to the colder temperatures



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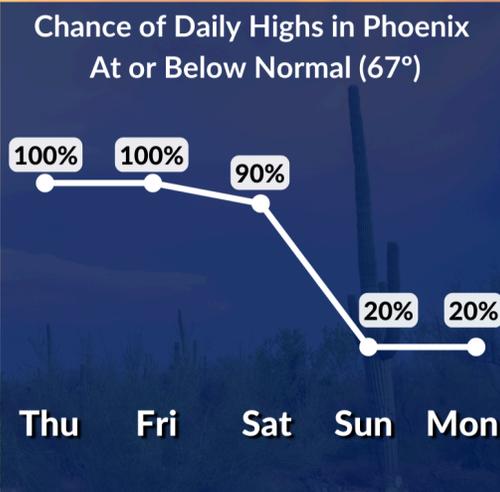


# 5-Day Temperature Outlook

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Below normal temperatures to end the workweek; gradual warming this weekend & into next week

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Phoenix	61° 51°	60° 41°	64° 39°	70° 42°	70° 45°
Globe	49° 42°	47° 31°	50° 27°	55° 31°	58° 34°
Yuma	66° 49°	61° 46°	65° 42°	70° 46°	72° 48°
El Centro	68° 49°	63° 41°	65° 37°	70° 40°	73° 43°



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