

# Midweek Spring Snow for the Northern Plains Again

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Calendars may say April, but the next in a seemingly endless parade of winter storms is poised to race through the Rockies and northern Plains today into Wednesday.

The main energy for this system will push out into the western High Plains of Wyoming today. This will produce snow on the highest passes of the Rockies in Colorado and Wyoming and Utah's Wasatch range. Few travel issues are expected with only the highest elevations seeing around 6 inches of snowfall.

By Wednesday, low pressure will rocket eastward from the Rockies into Midwest, spreading a swath of heavy wet snow from eastern South Dakota into southern Minnesota, northern Iowa and southern Wisconsin through the day and into Wednesday night. Total accumulations will be in the 3 to 6 inches, though a few top totals could reach as high as 8 inches. A wintry mix of sleet, snow and freezing rain is possible across central Iowa and northern Illinois.

In the warmer air to the south, rain will fall across the eastern Nebraska, central and southern Iowa. For Chicago, a bit of sleet is possible at the onset, though mostly rain will fall during the day. A change back to snow is possible in the evening.

**Winter Storm Watches, Warnings and Advisories** have been issued from eastern South Dakota into Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois.

Many of these same areas saw between 6 and 12 inches of snow just last weekend. Spring has been slow to arrive in the Plains and Midwest this year, but a slow warming trend is on the horizon next week.

## **Snow Records Toppled in South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin**

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**MINNEAPOLIS** — Records fell as an April snowstorm blanketed the Upper Midwest.

The National Weather Service says the 14.9 inches at Minneapolis airport from Friday through Sunday set a record for the largest April snowstorm ever there. It's also the snowiest April on record in the Twin Cities. And it's the snowiest start to a calendar year there, with 70.3 inches (since Jan. 1, 2018).

In South Dakota, Sioux Falls set records for a single day in April at 13.7 inches Saturday and a record April total of 24.9 inches. Huron and Mitchell set two-day record totals for April of 15.5 inches and 16.2 inches respectively.

In Wisconsin, the storm ranks as the all-time second largest snowstorm in Green Bay at 23.5 inches and a record April total of more than 35 inches there.

Sunday, April 15, 2018, in Rochester, Minn. (Joe Ahlquist/The Rochester Post-Bulletin )