

National Weather Service Fact Sheet

Your Weather Forecast Office, Fort Worth/Dallas, Texas



Who Are We?

The National Weather Service is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Our primary mission, as mandated by Congress, is to protect life and property through the issuance of watches, warnings, and statements before and during hazardous weather. Our secondary mission is to enhance the economy by providing basic weather observations, data, and forecasts.

Our Office

The Fort Worth/Dallas Weather Forecast Office is one of 124 similar offices across the country. We have forecast and warning responsibility for 46 counties across north and north-central Texas. The area contains approximately 32,000 square miles and is home to over 7 million people. Our area stretches from Paris, to Palestine, to Temple, to Goldthwaite, to Graham. It is one of the most active weather regions in the country, with tornadoes, drought, excessive heat, and ice storms all possible during the year.

Service programs we provide feature the seven-day county forecasts and accompanying meteorological discussions. We prepare detailed airport forecasts for DFW Airport, Dallas Love Field, Fort Worth Meacham Airport, and Waco Regional Airport. We issue a five-day fire weather forecast, containing parameters of interest when battling large fires. We release instrumented balloons twice a day to measure the conditions in the atmosphere. We provide programming for 13 Weather Radio transmitters in our area. Many of our staff conduct on-station research projects. We engage in a vigorous outreach and preparedness campaign, helping ensure that north Texans are as prepared for hazardous weather as possible.



Our Staff

We administer these programs with a staff of 28 dedicated professionals. Our staff is made up of Meteorologists, Hydrologists, Hydrometeorological Technicians, Electronics Technicians, Information Technology and Administrative Support individuals. We are in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week, keeping people across north Texas informed about the weather and its potential impacts in our area.

To learn more about us, visit our website at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd>