

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - November 2018

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
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ILLINOIS, Northeast

(IL-Z006) LAKE

	11/04/18 09:15 CST	2	0	Rip Current
	11/04/18 09:15 CST		0	

Direct Fatalities: F52IW, M46IW

A ten member cold weather swimming team entered rough waters near the Park Avenue Beach and Boating Facility near Highland Park on November 4th and were quickly swept offshore. Strong southeast winds were producing waves between 8 feet and 10 feet at the Wilmette Buoy. Two people from the team drowned. A 46 year old man was pulled from Lake Michigan and unresponsive. He was later pronounced dead at a local hospital. A 52 year old woman's body was found on November 10th, just a few miles from where she went missing.

(IL-Z003) WINNEBAGO, (IL-Z004) BOONE, (IL-Z005) MCHENRY, (IL-Z006) LAKE, (IL-Z008) OGLE, (IL-Z010) LEE, (IL-Z011) DE KALB, (IL-Z012) KANE, (IL-Z013) DU PAGE, (IL-Z014) COOK, (IL-Z019) LA SALLE

	11/25/18 07:00 CST		0	Winter Storm
	11/26/18 09:00 CST		0	

(IL-Z014) COOK

	11/26/18 01:30 CST		0	Coastal Flood
	11/26/18 10:00 CST		0	

A winter storm moved across central Illinois during the evening of November 25th and early morning of November 26th producing heavy wet snow across northern Illinois. Storm total snowfall amounts included 13.1 inches two miles west northwest of Bull Valley; 13.0 inches two miles east northeast of Rockford; 12.0 inches near Wonder Lake; 12.0 inches in Ashton; 12.0 inches in Rochelle; 11.7 inches at Rockford Airport; 11.5 inches in Woodstock; 10.5 inches two miles east of Schaumburg; 10.3 inches two miles west southwest of Elk Grove Village; 10.1 inches near De Kalb; 10.0 inches one mile east southeast of Roselle; 10.0 inches near Lake Villa; 10.0 inches in St. Charles; 9.8 inches in Lake Zurich; 9.0 inches in Capron; 9.0 inches in Belvidere; 9.0 inches in Harvard; 8.5 inches in Hebron; 8.4 inches in Genoa; 8.4 inches at Chicago O'Hare Airport; 7.5 inches near Algonquin; 6.7 inches near Downers Grove and 6.6 inches two miles north of Waukegan.

In addition to the heavy snow, strong northerly winds persisted for several hours. Peak wind gusts included 54 mph near Shorewood; 52 mph at Chicago O'Hare Airport; 51 mph at Wheeling/Palwaukee Airport; 49 mph in Lakeview; 49 mph at DuPage Airport; 47 mph at Sugar Grove Airport; 47 mph at Chicago Midway Airport; 47 mph at Waukegan Airport and 46 mph at Rockford Airport. Numerous trees and power lines were blown down with over 80 trees blown down in Chicago. Some of the trees fell onto houses and cars and some were blocking streets. At the height of the storm an estimated 361,000 customers lost power. More than 1,300 flights were cancelled at O'Hare and Midway Airports. Hundreds of schools were closed and numerous car accidents were reported.

Along the Lake Michigan shore, the bike path north of Downtown Chicago was flooded with several feet of water. High waves also caused flooding in the right most lane of northbound Lakeshore Drive which was closed.