

# WEATHER

## 5-day Seattle-area forecast

<b>Today</b> Partly cloudy.	<b>Friday</b> Partly cloudy.	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly cloudy.	<b>Sunday</b> Scattered rain.	<b>Monday</b> Rain & snow possible.
<b>42</b> Daytime High <b>31</b> Overnight Low	<b>43</b> Daytime High <b>32</b> Overnight Low	<b>41</b> Daytime High <b>36</b> Overnight Low	<b>42</b> Daytime High <b>34</b> Overnight Low	<b>39</b> Daytime High <b>31</b> Overnight Low

**Puget Sound:** Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. East wind to 10 mph changing to north in the afternoon. Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Gusts to 25 mph in the evening.

**Coast:** Sunny. Highs in the 40s. East wind 10 to 15 mph changing to west in the afternoon. Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the 30s. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Mountains:** Sunny. Freezing level near 3500 feet increasing to 5500 feet in the afternoon. Afternoon pass temperatures in the lower 30s. East wind in the passes 10 to 15 mph changing to northeast in the afternoon. Tonight: Mostly clear. Freezing level near 4000 feet.

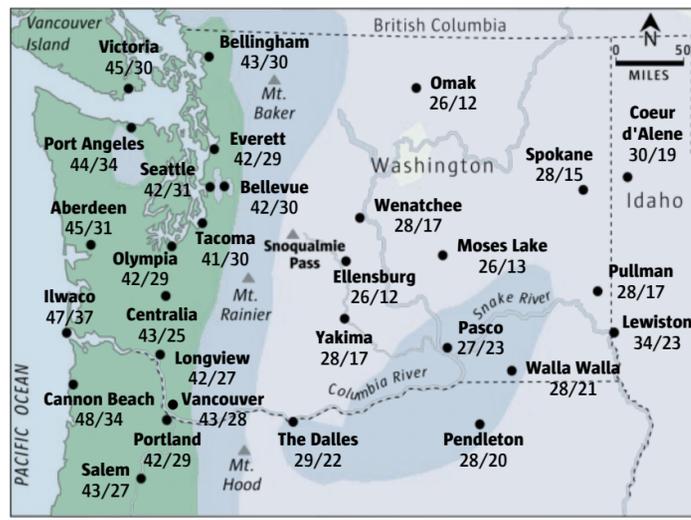
**Eastern Washington:** Mostly cloudy. Patchy freezing fog. Highs in the mid to upper 20s. Light wind. Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Patchy freezing fog. Lows 11 to 16. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

### Seattle almanac

Unless noted, statistics for yesterday through 6 p.m. Readings taken at Sea-Tac airport.

<b>Precipitation</b>	
24-hour total	0.00"
24-hour total last year on Dec. 14	0.14"
This month to 6 p.m. Dec. 14	2.23"
Average for Dec. through this date	2.61"
This year to 6 p.m. Dec. 14	34.95"
Last year total through Dec. 14	41.10"
Average year through Dec. 14	36.23"
<b>Temperature</b>	
Yesterday	43
Last year, Dec. 14	40
Average, Dec. 14	47
Record on Dec. 14	59 in 2002, 18 in 1945
<b>Winds</b>	
Today's forecast	E 10 mph
<b>Tides</b>	
<b>Elliott Bay</b>	High Feet Today 10:25 a 11.7 ft. Today 9:40 p 7.3 ft. Tomorrow 11:02 a 11.7 ft. Tomorrow 11:08 p 7.2 ft.
<b>Port Townsend</b>	High Feet Today 10:09 a 9.0 ft. Today 8:22 p 5.1 ft. Tomorrow 10:36 a 8.9 ft. Tomorrow 10:08 p 4.9 ft.

### Today's Northwest forecast



### Regional temperatures

<b>WASHINGTON</b>	Hi	Lo	Wea
Belleveue	42	30	pc
Bellingham	43	30	s
Bremerton	43	33	pc
Ellensburg	26	7	pc
Everett	42	29	pc
Forks	47	30	s
Friday Harbor	44	33	s
Hoquiam	44	33	pc
Longview	42	27	pc
Oak Harbor	44	33	pc
Olympia	42	29	pc
Port Angeles	44	34	s
Pullman	28	17	cl
Seattle	42	31	pc
Shelton	42	29	pc
Spokane	28	15	cl
Stampede Pass	29	14	s
<b>TACOMA</b>	41	30	pc
Tri-Cities	27	22	mc
Walla Walla	28	21	mc
Wenatchee	28	17	s
Yakima	28	17	pc
<b>OREGON</b>			
Astoria	45	32	s
Bend	30	13	s
Eugene	41	25	pc
Medford	44	25	pc
Portland	42	29	s
<b>IDAHO</b>			
Boise	31	13	mc
Sun Valley	26	-1	s

### National forecast

Figures for cities show today's high/low forecast.



### Yesterday's national extremes (contiguous U.S.)

High: Immokalee, Fla., 86 Low: Farson, Wyo., -17

Rain	cl - cloudy
Storms	fg - fog
Snow	fl - flurries
	hz - haze
	mc - mostly cloudy
	pc - partly cloudy
	ra - rain
	rs - rain and snow
	s - sunny
	sh - showers
	sm - smoke
	sn - snow
	ss - snow showers
	t - thunderstorms
	Ice
	rs - rain and snow
	s - sunny
	sh - showers
	sm - smoke
	sn - snow
	ss - snow showers
	t - thunderstorms
	Stationary Front
	Warm Front
	Cold Front
	Jetstream

### Air-quality index

Green	Good	Yellow	Moderate	Orange	Unhealthy	Red	Very Unhealthy
Seattle	15	Good	Particulates				
Everett	31	Good	Particulates				
Tacoma	36	Good	Particulates				
Bellevue	21	Good	Particulates				

Source: enviwa.ecology.wa.gov

<b>Snow pack</b>	
Base	New
Crystal Mountain	56" 0"
Mt. Baker	68" 0"
Snoqualmie Pass	42" 0"
Stevens Pass	36" 0"
Whistler	45" 0"

### National Today's forecast

Albuquerque	42	17	s	Little Rock	48	32	s
Atlanta	56	35	pc	Los Angeles	62	43	pc
Atlantic City	49	45	ra	Louisville	47	32	mc
Austin	65	39	s	Memphis	47	32	s
Baltimore	44	40	ra	Miami	87	73	rs
Billings	28	16	pc	Milwaukee	36	27	rs
Birmingham, AL	55	35	s	Minneapolis	34	27	sn
Bismarck	19	12	sn	Missoula	26	11	mc
Boston	44	40	cl	Nashville	50	32	pc
Buffalo	38	35	ra	New Orleans	60	48	s
Burlington, VT	39	31	mc	New York	43	39	ra
Casper	21	6	pc	Norfolk	61	41	ra
Charleston, SC	69	43	sh	Oklahoma City	44	28	s
Charleston, WV	52	34	ra	Omaha	31	19	sn
Charlotte	53	36	sh	Orlando	79	53	sh
Chicago	38	30	rs	Palm Springs	64	46	pc
Cincinnati	48	32	mc	Philadelphia	43	39	s
Cleveland	44	35	ra	Phoenix	57	39	s
Columbus, OH	51	33	ra	Pittsburgh	42	34	ra
Concord, NH	42	32	mc	Portland, ME	42	34	mc
Coos Bay	51	31	s	Providence	43	38	mc
Dallas	54	35	s	Raleigh	56	39	sh
Denver	34	13	pc	Rapid City	22	13	sn
Des Moines	34	21	sn	Reno	37	14	pc
Detroit	47	32	ra	Richmond	47	36	ra
Duluth	34	27	sn	Sacramento	53	30	s
El Paso	52	35	s	Salt Lake City	30	13	sn
Fargo	32	19	sn	San Antonio	66	43	s
Flagstaff	40	9	s	San Diego	61	48	pc
Fresno	53	33	pc	San Francisco	55	40	pc
Grand Rapids	40	30	ra	San Juan	80	71	pc
Great Falls	23	11	pc	Santa Fe	34	12	s
Green Bay	36	29	sn	Santa Fe Falls	31	15	sn
Guam	83	79	mc	St. Louis	40	30	mc
Hartford	41	35	mc	St. Ste. Marie, MI	37	31	rs
Helena	24	13	mc	Syracuse	37	34	cl
Honolulu	79	67	sh	Tampa	79	55	sh
Houston	64	43	s	Topeka	36	22	mc
Indianapolis	43	29	mc	Tucson	57	36	s
Jackson, MS	58	35	s	Tulsa	43	27	s
Jacksonville	75	47	sh	Wash., DC	44	38	ra
Kansas City	37	24	mc	Wichita	37	22	s
Klamath Falls	32	12	pc	Wilmington, DE	43	39	ra
Las Vegas	55	34	s	Yuma	62	46	pc

### International Today's forecast

Amsterdam	40	29	ra	Madrid	51	46	ra
Athens	66	58	cl	Manila	88	78	ra
Auckland	71	62	ra	Mazatlan	72	60	s
Baghdad	73	59	ra	Mexico City	74	55	s
Bahrain	74	70	s	Montreal	37	30	mc
Bangkok	85	69	pc	Moscow	23	10	mc
Beijing	28	14	mc	Nairobi	77	56	mc
Belgrade	48	36	ra	New Delhi	73	50	s
Berlin	28	18	s	Nice	53	48	ra
Bermuda	66	64	mc	Oslo	19	10	mc
Bogota	64	45	ra	Ottawa	35	24	mc
Budapest	36	31	cl	Paris	34	28	mc
Buenos Aires	81	74	pc	Puerto Vallarta	73	51	s
Cairo	74	61	s	Reykjavik	23	17	mc
Calgary	28	11	mc	Rio de Janeiro	79	67	s
Cancun	83	76	ra	Riyadh	79	59	pc
Caracas	76	64	ra	Rome	58	47	ra
Copenhagen	32	29	sn	Santiago	95	68	s
Dublin	37	28	s	Sao Paulo	78	59	ra
Edmonton	20	6	mc	Seoul	30	16	sn
Frankfurt	31	22	pc	Singapore	78	75	ra
Geneva	45	38	ra	St. Petersburg	26	16	sn
Havana	83	70	ra	Stockholm	20	9	sn
Helsinki	23	17	sn	Sydney	73	55	s
Hong Kong	60	54	ra	Taipei	65	58	ra
Islamabad	72	48	s	Tehran	53	41	pc
Istanbul	58	46	mc	Tokyo	52	42	pc
Jerusalem	62	53	s	Toronto	34	30	ra
Johannesburg	81	60	ra	Vancouver, B.C.	43	28	s
Kabul	68	54	mc	Victoria, B.C.	45	30	pc
Lima	75	69	mc	Vientiane	34	32	sn
Lisbon	60	56	ra	Warsaw	27	21	sn
London	34	25	s	Winnipeg	29	20	sn

<b>Sun schedule</b>	
Today	Sunrise 7:50 a.m. Sunset 4:18 p.m.
Tomorrow	7:51 a.m. 4:18 p.m.

<b>Moon schedule</b>	
Last Dec. 16	New Dec. 23
First Dec. 29	Full Jan. 6
Today	Moon rises 11:46 p.m. Moon sets 12:31 p.m.
Tomorrow	Prev Day 12:47 p.m.

# OPINION | SAVE THE FREE PRESS

## Another way to support local papers: Tip carriers

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Seattle Times Free Press editor

People often ask how they can help save local newspapers.



Usually I suggest subscribing, donating to programs like our Investigative Journalism Fund and urging elected representatives to support the industry.

Another suggestion is to consider tipping the people delivering their newspapers, the unsung heroes of the business whom we call carriers.

This is especially welcome as the industry contracts and reconfigures for a more digital future, making some carrier jobs less certain but no less important.

The situation is especially tough in places where newspapers are turning to mail delivery, as I wrote about in a Nov. 30 column. It broke the news that The Daily Herald of Everett is switching to mail delivery on Jan. 3 and ending Sunday and Monday print editions.

A number of readers wrote to express their disappointment, which is tough to hear from longtime newspaper supporters. Several who started receiving papers by mail earlier this year said the service can be sporadic.

There's no easy solution. I sympathize with people who count on receiving newspapers in the morning and on Sundays.

The situation is a difficult lesson in how local papers are struggling and looking for ways to evolve and survive, even as their coverage and the civic engagement and community it nurtures are needed more than ever.

This is also a reminder that it's not just newsrooms that are bleeding, it's the whole business — all the way out to independent carriers driving through sleet on dark mornings, to be sure customers get the news and stay informed.

That's why the industry is desperate for federal support to stabilize, prevent further job losses and better compete with dominant tech platforms.

And it's why subscribers might want to consider tipping their carrier this holiday season.

Not just Herald subscribers are affected by its changes. Because it contracts with The Seattle Times for delivery, and multiple papers are needed for some delivery routes to be economically feasible, The Times is also turning to mail in some areas.

The Times was already experimenting with mail delivery and using it in areas where it has had difficulty hiring carriers. It's a relatively small percentage of subscribers but thousands are affected.

"They are upset, they're our readers, they're not happy," said Greg Neisinger, who owns a Snohomish County news distribution service that contracts with The Times to deliver it and The Herald.

"It's not going to be as bad as what people think it might be," he said. "On the other hand, it's not going to be home delivered, it's going to be at your mailbox."

Neisinger believes the changes aren't about saving money as much as the struggle to find carriers, which mirrors labor challenges facing all sorts of industries.

"If you can't fill a route ... you send it to mail," he said. "It didn't used to be like that, you'd find



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An employee sorts newspapers for delivery at a distribution center in Liberty Township near Youngstown, Ohio, in 2019.

people. Now we just can't find people."

Even the U.S. Postal Service is hard pressed to fill jobs, which can affect the reliability of newspaper delivery by mail.

An Everett subscriber who has been getting papers by mail since June said the promise of same-day delivery has fallen short. "The USPS has, at best, erratic mail delivery," she told me via email.

Neisinger works with 16 carriers affected by routes shifting to mail. He offered work further south, out of Everett, and about half are making the shift. Several declined and opted to quit or retire.

"Hopefully I'll be able to find positions and routes for everybody," he said.

Many of the north-end carriers working with Neisinger are "lifers" who have delivered papers for 20 or 30 years. He's been in the business for more than 43 years.

One such carrier spoke to me, on condition I don't use her name. She delivered papers for about 30 years, starting with The Herald, after delivering the Seattle Post-Intelligencer as a child.

She has five routes to make a living, delivering around 400 papers on weekdays and more on Sundays.

"When we were told all our contracts were being terminated we stood there with our mouths open," she recalled.

Afterward, she sent a Christmas card informing customers that home delivery would be ending.