

One-Inch Snow Expected Locally Before Nov. 26

Suitland, Mo. (Science Service) - The dates for the first one-inch snow fall in 164 cities in the United States have been calculated by a U.S. Weather Bureau meteorologist here.

Although the first snows have already occurred in Alaska and some western areas, such as Colorado, the table should still prove valuable to snow tire and snow-removal equipment manufacturers, as well as those responsible for removing snow from streets and highways.

The list shows the first days in fall or winter on which one inch or more of snowfall is likely to occur, and the chances of this occurrence. It was prepared by H. C. S. Thom of the Weather Bureau's office of climatology here.

Representative Dates
Some representative dates indicating the snowfall probability for scattered cities are:
Medford, Ore. - average of one in 20 years before Nov. 26; one in ten before Dec. 7, and one in three before Dec. 31. Occurs 67 out of every 100 years.

Seattle, Wash. - average of one in 20 years before Nov. 20; one in ten before Dec. 2, and one in three before Dec. 27. Occurs 72 out of every 100 years.

El Paso, Tex. - average of one in 20 years before Nov. 29; one in ten before Dec. 11, and one in three before Jan. 8. Occurs 55 out of every 100 years.
Washington, D.C. - average of one in 20 years before Nov. 5; one in ten before Nov. 15; one in three before Dec. 7, and nine out of ten before Jan. 28. Occurs every year.

Birmingham, Ala. - on the average of one in 20 years the first one-inch snowfall comes before Dec. 14; once in ten years before Dec. 31, and once in three years before Feb. 15. However, a one-inch snowfall occurs only four years out of every ten.

Fort Worth, Texas - average of one in 20 years before Dec. 9; one in ten before Dec. 20, and one in three before Jan. 16. Occurs 55 out of every 100 years.

Boston - average of one in 20 years before Nov. 14; one in ten before Nov. 21; one in three before Dec. 5, and nine out of ten before Jan. 6. Occurs every year.

Chicago - average of one in 20 years before Nov. 5; one in ten before Nov. 12; one in three before Nov. 26, and nine out of ten before Dec. 20. Occurs every year.

Above Normal Readings Expected

Suitland, Md. (Science Service) - Temperatures averaging below seasonal normals for those living on the Continental Divide eastward to the Appalachian Mountains are predicted for the next 30 days.

The only exception is near normal thermometer readings along the Gulf Coast, according to the Weather Bureau's 30-day outlook for the period from mid-October to mid-November. In the Upper and Middle Mississippi Valley and adjacent states, temperatures are expected to average much below their normals.

Above normal averages are predicted for central and southern West Coast states. Near normal temperatures are forecast for much of the Inter-Mountain Plateau, and also for areas east of the Appalachians.

Precipitation, in the form of either snow or rain at this time of year, is expected to exceed normal along the Gulf Coast and east of the Appalachians, as well as in the areas just east of the Continental Divide. Subnormal amounts are anticipated west of the Divide and also in the middle Mississippi Valley. In unspecified areas, about normal precipitation is indicated.

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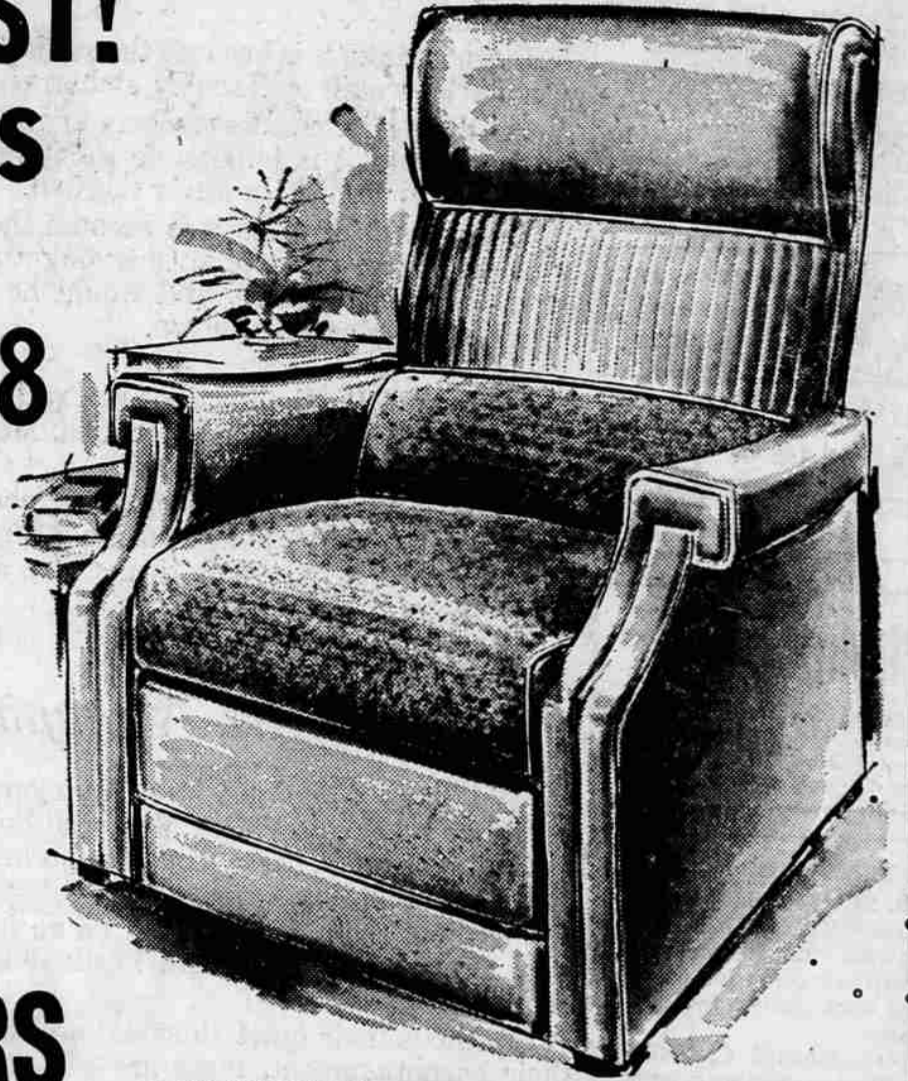
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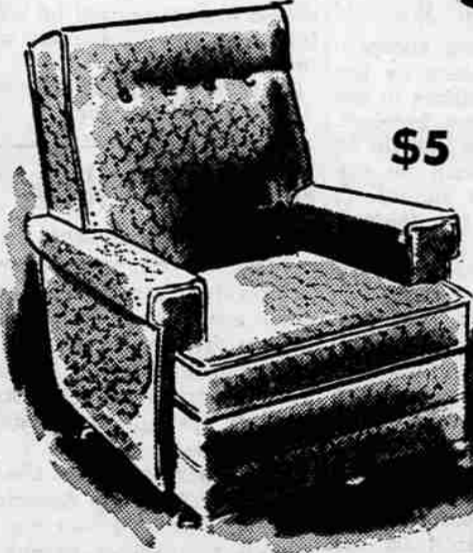
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