

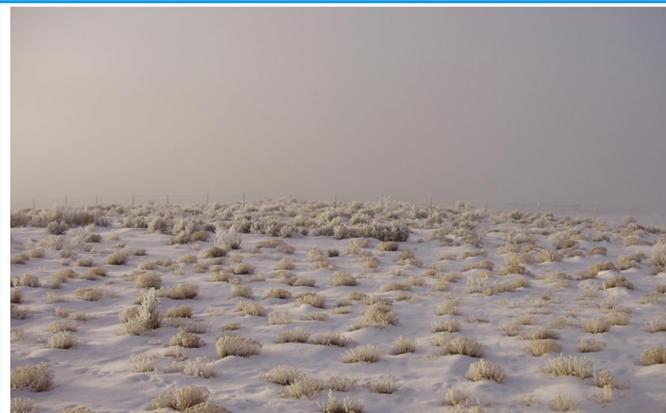
2012 Nevada Weather Calendar



January 2012

Winter In Reno/Photo: Lupita Paredes-Miranda

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
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1910: A massive flood wiped out 84 miles of railroad in the Huddy River Valley, said to be the greatest calamity to affect a railroad in U.S. history at the time.	1866: Bridges in Reno and the Carson Valley were swept away by flooding.	1937: The most severe flooding in history in the eastern Sierra and western Nevada.	2008: A winter storm brought 1.51 inches of precipitation to Reno. Gusts of 52 mph in Baker tore part of the roof off an elementary school.	1974: Snow fell in Las Vegas from the afternoon of the 4th into the morning of the 5th and totaled 9 inches.	1910: Lovelock had a morning low of -10°F.	1930: Reno reported a morning low of -18°F.	1930: A cold front produced wind gusts of 60 to 80 mph throughout the Reno and Carson City areas. Two small planes were overturned at the Reno airport.	
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1937: All-time Nevada state record low set, -50°F at San Jacinto.	1949: Big southern Nevada snowstorm commenced on this date. 9.7 inches in Las Vegas, 18 inches at Indian Springs and 65.6 inches at Mt. Charleston.	1930: Snow fell in Las Vegas from the 10th into the 11th. 12 inches measured on Fremont Street.	2005: Over 200 homes in the Overton, Mesquite and Caliente areas were damaged or destroyed by flood waters.	1949: 20 inches of snow strand nearly 50,000 sheep and 15,000 cows without food in Lincoln County.	1907: 15.0 inches of snow fell at Ely, greatest daily snowfall ever in Ely in January.	1988: A gust of 90 mph was recorded at the Reno airport. Widespread damage resulted. It was estimated that 15,000 homes lost power.	1949: Reno had a morning low of -12°F.	
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1949: Reno had a morning low of -12°F.	1974: Strong winds damaged the Nevada Bell microwave tower on McClean Peak.	1916: Reno received 22.5 inches of snow - its greatest 24-hour snowfall total ever.	1890: 27.0 inches of snow fell at Virginia City.	1883: Lowest daily maximum temperature ever recorded in Winnemucca in any month, high of -19°.	1949: Hundreds of jackrabbits invaded Tonopah due to the cold and snow seeking food, some even running through stores.	1937: Low of -49°F, lowest temperature for any month at Ely.	1937: 14.0 inches of snow fell at Gerbrook.	
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1937: Low of 9°F in Las Vegas from many pools. Schools had trouble keeping warm and ice and the bed for a short supply in the city.	1987: One to three feet of snow fell across Humboldt county, resulting in slick and hazardous roads.	1996: 18.4 inches of snow was dumped on Ely, setting an all-time record low for the city.	1937: Las Vegas dropped to 8°F, setting an all-time record low for the city.	1949: Planes dropped boxes of hay onto the ground in Lincoln County to feed cows and sheep stranded by snow.	1969: High winds blew over trailers in Tonopah, while heavy rains fell in Burkleville and washing out an earthen dam.	1994: Low of 40°F at Ely, highest daily minimum temperature ever recorded in Ely in January.	1937: The biggest late-season, low elevation snow on record in southern Nevada. 8 inches at Desert Rock, 2 inches in the Lakes area of Las Vegas. Flurries in Laughlin.	
29	30	31	Spotlight On Safety: Space Heaters					
1986: Daily record high of 64°F set at Winnemucca.	1990: Two pilots reported a tornado over open desert about 22 miles east of Las Vegas.	1979: Snow fell continuously for 23 hours and 31 minutes in Las Vegas on this date with a storm total of 7.8 inches.	<p>Winter's chill can bring the need to keep warm. If you use a space heater:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep it at least 3 feet from flammable materials. Place it in a level where no one can knock it over. Avoid using with an extension cord. Make sure you never leave it unattended. 					



February 2012

Freezing Fog and Rime In Elko/Photo: Ray Martin

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
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1901: 10.1 inches of snow fell at Reno.	1999: High winds damaged roofs and power poles, blew down fences, and uprooted large trees in the Reno and Carson City areas. South Reno had a 105 mph wind gust.	1989: All-time February record low temperature of 18°F was recorded in Las Vegas and -16°F at Reno. Carson City had an all-time record low of -22°F.	1993: 1.29 inches of precipitation fell in Las Vegas, an all-time February daily record.	1963: Over an inch of warm rain on top of a half foot of snow resulted in serious flooding around Elko and Battle Mountain damaging highways and railroad beds.	2000: An FO tornado was reported in the Spanish Springs Valley five miles north of Sparks. There were no injuries but minor property damage was reported.	1922: Elko received 12.0 inches of snow, making it the greatest daily snowfall ever recorded in Elko in February.	1975: High winds damaged businesses, utilities, warehouses, and mobile homes in the Reno area. Three light aircraft were damaged at the Reno airport.	
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1975: High winds damaged businesses, utilities, warehouses, and mobile homes in the Reno area. Three light aircraft were damaged at the Reno airport.	2000: A strong cold front produced wind gusts of 81 mph at Nather, 64 mph in West Wendover and 58 mph in Spring Creek.	1989: Gerlach reported a morning low of -10°F.	1992: Heavy rain and snow melt runoff washed out 200 feet of track along the Western Pacific Railroad about 30 miles east of Elko.	1986: High winds estimated in excess of 100 mph caused approximately \$1 million of damage (1985 dollars) in Wells damaging roofs, signs, utility poles and windows.	2009: A parade of 5 storms brought a February record of 71 inches of snow to Mt. Charleston in a 13 day period. On this date the snow depth stood at 51 inches.	1994: A winter storm flooded Beatty with 3 feet of water and washed out 15 miles of Highway 95 in Nye County. Drifts of snow reached 15 feet on Mt. Charleston.	1967: The biggest late-season, low elevation snow on record in southern Nevada. 8 inches at Desert Rock, 2 inches in the Lakes area of Las Vegas. Flurries in Laughlin.	
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1907: A 5 foot wall of snow fell at Carson City.	1996: A winter storm started on this date that produced extremely heavy rain at Red Rock Canyon with a storm total of 4.03 inches measured in a 3 day period.	1956: 15.0 inches of snow fell at Gerbrook.	1914: Flooding in the Meadow Valley Wash and Moapa Valley damaged fences, crops, orchards and broke a levee.	1962: Flood waters from the Humboldt River razed agricultural land near Battle Mountain.	1969: A winter storm flooded Beatty with 3 feet of water and washed out 15 miles of Highway 95 in Nye County. Drifts of snow reached 15 feet on Mt. Charleston.	1967: The biggest late-season, low elevation snow on record in southern Nevada. 8 inches at Desert Rock, 2 inches in the Lakes area of Las Vegas. Flurries in Laughlin.	1986: All-time February record high set at Las Vegas with 87°F. Elko with 70°F and Ely with 67°F.	
26	27	28	29	Spotlight On Safety: Pet Protection				
1986: All-time February record high set at Las Vegas with 87°F. Elko with 70°F and Ely with 67°F.	1890: Low of -41°F at Ely, lowest temperature ever recorded in Ely in February.	1974: Wind gusts to 105 mph were reported at the Hawthorne Naval Ammunition Depot, with gusts to 100 mph at the Stead airport.	2000: Heavy snow overpread parts of northern and central Nevada. 9 inches was measured in Austin, 7 inches in Spring Creek and 6 inches in Wells.	<p>When bringing your pet indoors after being outside on snow or ice be sure to wipe their paws off. Pets can ingest salt, antifreeze and other chemicals while licking their paws. Snow and ice can stick on a pet's paws can also cause them to bleed.</p>				



March 2012

Snow Squall Over Reno/Photo: Kris Johnson

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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1991: A cold front produced wind gusts of 60 to 80 mph throughout the Reno and Carson City areas. Two small planes were overturned at the Reno airport.	1987: High winds affected central Nevada. Winds of 70 to 80 mph were reported in Austin. There was damage to roofs and sheds in both Austin and Gabbs.	1998: A strong cold front brought heavy snow to parts of central Nevada. 6 inches fell in Tonopah while 8 inches accumulated in Manhattan.	1992: A funnel cloud was spotted 5 miles east of Henderson.	1911: Floods again hit in the Meadow Valley near Caliente resulting in Overland Train #1 being marooned for 10 days.	1918: Flooding damaged ranches in Mesquite and Burkleville.	1995: Very heavy rainfall caused a flash flood on Long Valley Creek in Storey County.	1938: Severe flooding damaged the railroad, founded a large residential section of Caliente and stores and homes in Logandale on the Huddy River. Farmland and homes were also flooded in Meads.
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1967: 14.0 inches of snow fell at Gerbrook.	1911: The greatest snow depth ever recorded in Nevada is set at Spooners Station which measured 271 inches on the ground.	2007: The earliest 90°F degree temperature ever is recorded in Las Vegas.	1994: The high temperature at Reno was 80°F.	1952: 25.0 inches of snow fell at Minden, with 14.5 inches of snow being reported at Carson City.	1999: A strong cold front produced a 65 mph wind gust at the Ely Airport. Two vehicles were damaged in Ely by flying debris when a shed was destroyed.	2007: Laughlin reaches 100°F, earliest ever in the year triple digit reading in Nevada.	1987: A thunderstorm triggered a lightning strike in the early morning hours that did significant damage to the Weather Service Office in Winnemucca.
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1928: Extensive flooding forced evacuations in Reno and the surrounding Truckee Meadows.	1912: Low of 52°F at Ely, highest daily minimum temperature ever in March in Ely.	1998: A cold storm brought snow flurries to Summerville and North Las Vegas. 2.5 inches of snow fell at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park.	2000: Heavy snow overpread parts of northern and central Nevada. 9 inches was measured in Austin, 7 inches in Spring Creek and 6 inches in Wells.	1897: The morning low temperature at Reno was -3°F, an all-time March record.	1992: Two tornadoes touched down in Las Vegas. One was rated a F1 and struck the south side of the city. A 26 car accident resulted with minor injuries to 12 people.	1982: 29.0 inches of snow fell at Gerbrook.	



April 2012

Lenticular Clouds Over Las Vegas/Photo: Chris Stachelski

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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1936: The high of 29°F at Elko sets a record for the lowest daily maximum temperature ever recorded in April. Low of -24°F at Elko, lowest temperature ever recorded in April.	1997: A late season low brought snow flurries to the west side of the Las Vegas valley. In Las Vegas the high only reached 49°F, the lowest ever recorded in April.	1955: Las Vegas drops to 31°F, tying the coldest ever in April.	1950: Snow pellets fell in Las Vegas at McCarran Airport. This was the latest in the year that snow has been reported in the city in April.	2006: 1.21 inches of precipitation at Winnemucca, greatest total ever recorded in the city in April.	1989: Laughlin and Cottonwood Cove both reach 100°F.	1988: A cold front generated strong winds and blowing dust that reduced visibility to near zero on Interstate 80. An 82 mph gust was measured at Battle Mountain with roofs damaged in Spring Creek.	1920: Reno received 4.8 inches of snow.
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1920: Reno received 4.8 inches of snow.	1999: The Desert Rock Airport near Mercury received 0.2 inch of snow.	1965: 7.0 inches of snow fell at Gerlach.	2010: High winds accompanied a cold front with gusts of 64 mph clocked in Austin and 59 mph at Prato Summit.	1967: The low temperature of 32°F in Las Vegas was the latest on record for the city to officially see the freezing mark.	2003: 22.0 inches of snow fell at Gerbrook.	2009: An area of low pressure brought wind gusts up to 63 mph to parts of Las Vegas and sank boats and damaged docks on Lake Mead.	1999: A cold upper low brought the latest snow ever in Reno. 3.20 inches of precipitation, greatest daily precipitation total and 16.0 inches of snow, greatest daily snowfall.
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2009: A cold upper low brought the latest snow ever in Reno. 3.20 inches of precipitation, greatest daily precipitation total and 16.0 inches of snow, greatest daily snowfall.	2006: Flooding along the Marys River inundated a post office and volunteer fire station in Deeth and caused damage to 6 homes.	1971: Gusty winds up to 60 mph tore down a heavy neon sign in downtown Las Vegas and sent down trees that crushed two vehicles.	1987: High winds in numerous vehicles were overturned. Billboards and power poles were downed in Las Vegas. 77 mph gust at Desert FO.	2001: A storm system dropped 2 feet of snow in Dorsey Basin, 10 inches at Lamolle Canyon and 9 inches at Morey Creek and 6.1 mph at the Winnemucca Airport.	2010: A line of severe thunderstorms produced high wind gusts of 74 mph at Rose Creek, 67 mph at Morey Creek and 61 mph at the Winnemucca Airport.	2001: A small tornado touched down in Henderson. One man was killed. The other man received minor injuries.	1925: Elko set two all-time April records - 3.20 inches of precipitation, greatest daily precipitation total and 16.0 inches of snow, greatest daily snowfall.
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29	30	31	Spotlight On Safety: Dust Storms				
1999: A late season snowstorm on Mt. Charleston drops 16.5 inches of snow at Kyle Canyon and 18 inches at Lee Canyon.	1988: Wind gusts up to 69 mph knocked out traffic lights on the Las Vegas Strip for three hours and blew down underblock walls in neighborhoods in North Las Vegas.	<p>If dense dust is observed blowing across or approaching a roadway, pull your vehicle off the pavement as far as possible, stop, turn off lights, set the emergency brake, take your foot off the brake pedal to be sure the tail lights are not illuminated. Don't enter the dust storm area if you can avoid it. If you can't pull off the roadway, proceed at a speed suitable for visibility, turn on lights and sound horn occasionally. Use the painted center line to help guide you. Look for a safe place to pull off the road.</p>					



May 2012

Funnel Clouds Over Independence Valley/Photo: Donna Murphy

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1947: The earliest 100°F high temperature in Reno, Vegas was reached on this date. The official high temperature was 102°F.	2006: Flooding washed out the road to Tabor Creek Canyon just 30 miles northeast of Wells.	1942: A low of 38°F was recorded in Las Vegas, setting a May record. This is also the lowest low in the 30s on record in Las Vegas.	1950: Ely's lowest temperature ever recorded in May, 7°F.	1994: Hal 3 inches in diameter (basalt size) fell in Antelope Valley. This is the largest hail ever officially documented in the state of Nevada.	1964: 6.0 inches of snow fell at Carson City, with 4.0 inches at Yerington.	1995: Fallon recorded 3.5 inches of precipitation.	1959: Yerington recorded 1.11 inches of precipitation.	
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1964: 6.0 inches of snow fell at Carson City, with 4.0 inches at Yerington.	1995: Fallon recorded 3.5 inches of precipitation.	1959: Yerington recorded 1.11 inches of precipitation.	2009: A dust devil damaged several mobile homes in Boulder City.	1986: Dier received 3.5 inches of snow.	1999: A cold upper low over the region, the high in Las Vegas only reached 67°F, setting a June record. The low temperature of 50°F was the last time Las Vegas ever set a daily record low minimum.	1995: Near Silver Springs a tornado caused \$60,000 in property damage. The tornado destroyed one mobile home and damaged three others. At least 12 other homes were damaged.	1993: Las Vegas drops to 31°F, tying the coldest ever in April.	
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1977: A mud slide blocked and damaged the highway just south of Jarbidge.	1927: Torrenal rain caused a flash flood that washed out the Mt. Rose Highway just below the dam on Browns Creek southwest of Reno.	1968: A FO tornado briefly touched down near US Highway 6. No damage was reported.	1955: A "tidal wave" of water swept into Las Vegas following a thunderstorm flooding out of much of the city and virtually isolating it. Damages totaled \$2.7 million at the time.	1995: The first Doppler weather radar in Nevada is commissioned at Virgin Peak near Reno.	1997: High winds produced blowing sand and near zero visibility that closed Interstate 80 between Winnemucca and Battle Mountain. A 26 car accident resulted with minor injuries to 12 people.	1998: A mix of rain and snow fell in Henderson. Dime size hail covered US Highway 93 between Contact and Jackpot.	1997: A severe thunderstorm produced wind gusts estimated at 60 mph in Ely. Dime size hail covered US Highway 93 between Contact and Jackpot.	
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1995: The latest measurable snow on record on Mt. Charleston with 1.5 inches at Lee Canyon and a half of an inch at Kyle Canyon. Thunder even accompanied the snow.	2003: A severe thunderstorm produced a wind gust of 62 mph in Battle Mountain.	1977: Fallon recorded 1.55 inches of precipitation.	2002: Torrential rainfall produced flash flooding in the Spanish Springs area north of Reno. Spanish Springs High School suffered over \$500,000 damage.	1967: A storm dropped penny size hail up to 6 inches deep 12 miles west of Eureka. The hail damaged roofs, part on cars, all outside light bulbs and stripped leaves off trees.	1954: Ely's highest temperature ever recorded in June, 99°F.	1994: First of 9 consecutive days with a high of 120°F or better at Laughlin.	2000: A thunderstorm moving through Las Vegas Bay on Lake Mead caused the arm of a dock to break off due to the strong winds and surging waves.	
27	28	29	30	Spotlight On Safety: Being Aware				
1997: Two tornadoes were observed between Ely and Wells but caused no damage. One was seen in the Ely area and rated a F1, with the second reported near Welton, rated a FO.	1986: A rope-looking tornado, rated FO, was reported on a dry lake bed at the Hells Air Force Base Bombing Range.	2003: The high temperature in Winnemucca hit 99°F, setting a record here for the area with strong winds blowing over several trees.	1991: High winds blasted Las Vegas damaging power for 100,000 customers, blowing over a large rocket sign at the Virgin World Center and tearing off tips of turbines on the Escalour.	<p>One way to be aware of the weather is with a NOAA Weather Radio. To see a map of coverage in Nevada go to: http://www.weather.gov/hw/Map/PH/ Nevada.cfm</p>				



June 2012

Dust Devil Strikes In Boulder City/Photo: David Kieple

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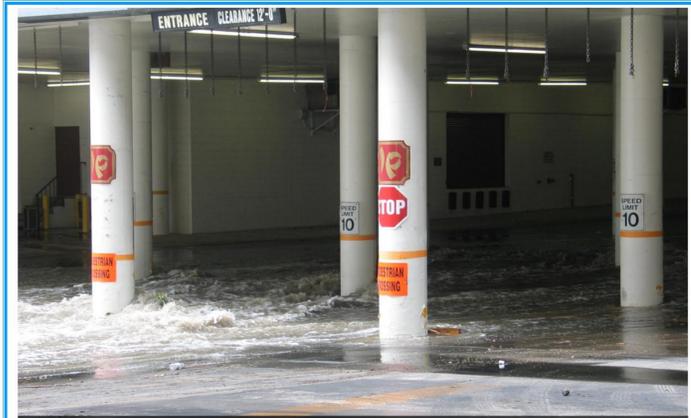
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July 2012

Urban Flooding On The Las Vegas Strip/Photo: NWS Las Vegas

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1877: U.S. Signal Service, the predecessor to the National Weather Service, establishes a "signal office" in Winnemucca at the Arlington Hotel.	2 1944: Today began the longest dry spell in Las Vegas history which lasted from July 2nd until October 10th, a total of 101 days.	3 1975: The "Casars Palace Flood" takes place after as much as 3 inches of rain swells washes throughout Las Vegas. The main damage occurred to vehicles at Casars Palace with up to 700 damaged or destroyed cars.	4 1981: Elko's highest temperature ever recorded was 107°F.	5 1985: A severe thunderstorm caused winds to gust to 75 mph in diameter about 3 miles north of Eureka.	6 2006: A thunderstorm produced hail 2.4 inches in diameter about 3 miles north of Eureka.	7 1991: A FO tornado moved across Amargosa Valley.
8 1999: Thunderstorms dropped up to 3 inches of rain triggered widespread flooding in Las Vegas. Over 200 swimmers rescued from the pool and the four in drops flooded at Casars Palace as well as Las Vegas City Hall.	9 1998: Lightning struck a large house in Henderson and set it on fire. The house was totally destroyed with damages totaling \$1.5 million at the time.	10 2002: Reno had a temperature of 100°F, setting its all-time record high. Carson City sets all-time record high with a reading of 105°F.	11 1980: Thunderstorm wind gusts estimated at 90 mph sank docks and 65 boats and damaged over 100 at Calville Bay on Lake Mead resulting in \$2 million in damages.	12 2002: Elko's highest temperature ever recorded in any month is reached with a high of 101°F.	13 1990: Flash flooding struck Valley of Fire State Park with two to three feet of water flowing over roads.	14 1972: A cooperative weather observer in the Sunrise Manor neighborhood of Las Vegas records a high temperature of 121°F.
15 1996: Strong thunderstorms over the Clover Mountains resulted in high runoff that flooded a basin. The basin failed and flooded parts of Caliente with 3 cars washed away.	16 1973: A tornado, rated F1, was reported six miles north of Reno.	17 1982: A tornado touched down 24 miles south of Beowawe. 3 inches of top soil removed along path. Cessna 170 aircraft destroyed, structures adjacent to a trailer house damaged.	18 1994: Coolest weather event ever in Las Vegas. A thunderstorm produced 3.1 inches of rain at McCarran Airport and the warmest low temperature ever.	19 2005: Hottest day ever officially in Las Vegas. All-time high of 117°F set at McCarran Airport and the warmest low temperature ever.	20 1998: Heavy rain and a dropped orange system caused the roof of the Hilton Station Casino in Las Vegas to collapse. A few hours later, the same casino caught fire after lightning struck it.	21 2002: A thunderstorm with winds estimated at 75 mph tore the roof off a baseball dugout, blew over a large metal trailer and tossed portable toilets over at Battle Mountain High School.
22 1970: The worst flash flood in about 50 years struck Duckwater with water up to two and a half feet deep. Fences and bridges were destroyed.	23 1913: Debris from a flash flood blocked parts of the Reno-Carson City road (now U.S. Highway 395).	24 1939: The first routine weather balloon launches in Nevada begin at Elko.	25 1986: Half fall in Virginia City. In some places the fall on the ground was 2 inches deep.	26 1931: Volunteer weather observer Charles "Pop" Squares records a high of 119°F on Fremont Street in Las Vegas.	27 1972: A man was struck and killed by lightning in Las Vegas. Two men standing nearby were thrown about 40 feet from the impact.	28 1984: Wettest July day ever in Las Vegas. 1.36 inches of rain fell. Funnel clouds were also reported in the city and flood waters even entered the NWS Building at McCarran Airport.
29 2005: Thunderstorm winds picked up ash and dirt from a recent fire and blew across Interstate 80 west of Carlin dropping visibility to near zero and triggering a 20 vehicle pile-up that killed 4.	30 1998: An FO tornado was reported north of Reno near Black Springs and Raleigh Heights.	31 1949: Newspaper reports of a tornado hitting in the Virgin Valley, destroying hay crops. In Mesquite, the storm reportedly "blew hay over the mountains".	Spotlight On Safety: Dealing With The Heat Summer's heat can easily take its toll. Remember to stay hydrated by drinking non-alcoholic beverages. If you are traveling, especially long distances, bring water and even non-perishable food with you. Wear lightweight, light colored and loose-fit clothing. Lastly, slow down and make sure to avoid strenuous activities in the hottest part of the day.			



August 2012

Summer Wildflowers In Copper Basin/Photo: Ray Martin

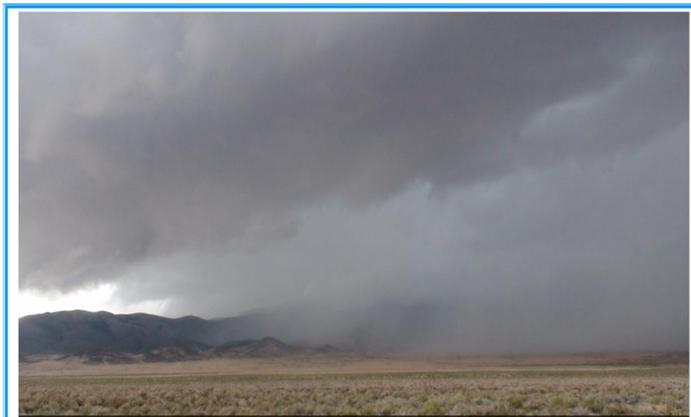
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Spotlight On Safety: Flash Floods Flash floods can strike Nevada at any time, in any month, but are most common in the summer. Remember only six inches of water can sweep a person off their feet. If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Avoid driving through areas where water covers the road - TURN AROUND - DON'T DROWN! Be especially alert at night when it is harder to see floodwaters. Do not park vehicles near washes.						
5 1997: A debris flow in Lincoln County resulted in 90 mph wind gusts and 65 boats and damaged over 100 at Calville Bay on Lake Mead resulting in \$2 million in damages.	6 1992: A FO tornado touched down on the north end of the Nevada Test Site.	7 1987: A FO tornado touched down two miles south of Hiko tearing the roof off a home and apartment. Several bales of hay also "disappeared".	8 1989: A microburst produced an all-time record 90 mph wind gust at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas damaging 42 planes there and another 22 aircraft at the Henderson Executive Airport.	9 1981: Elko's highest temperature ever recorded in August, 97°F.	10 1981: Thunderstorms dropped up to 6.5 inches of rain in the Moapa Valley with most of it falling in 15 minutes resulting in flooding that killed 762 cattle at a dairy in Hidden Valley.	11 1968: A flash flood washed out tracks of the Western Pacific Railroad's main line at Alcon resulting in 4 engines being derailed along with 37 freight cars.
12 1971: A curved rope-like tornado moved across open desert in East Las Vegas.	13 1977: A thunderstorm produced flash flooding on the McCulloch and Gilbert Creeks in the Ruby Mountains.	14 1984: Thunderstorms flooded streets in Las Vegas with up to 4 feet of water. A school bus with 80 students aboard became stuck in mud.	15 1955: The U.S. Weather Bureau formally establishes an office in Las Vegas at what is now Nellis Air Force Base.	16 1965: Heavy rainfall washed out the Rose Highway, closing it for 3 days.	17 1958: 0.73 inches of precipitation at Reno, the greatest daily total ever recorded in August.	18 1965: Heavy rains caused a slide across the railroad right-of-way 10 miles west of West Wendover which derailed 21 cars of a Western Pacific Fruit Express.
19 2003: Up to 5 inches of rain in an hour triggered a major flash flood in Northwest Las Vegas. 60 swimmers rescued from the water and businesses flooded.	20 1973: Thunderstorm wind caused damage at three locations on Lake Mead. At the Las Vegas Wash Marina alone 16 boats sank and over 200 were wrecked resulting in \$1.5 million in damages.	21 1957: A total of 2.58 inches of rain was officially recorded in Las Vegas making this the wettest calendar day ever on record for the city.	22 1976: A severe thunderstorm near Winnemucca produced 1.5 inch diameter hail. Severe crop damage occurred in the area.	23 1960: Elko's lowest temperature ever recorded in August, 24°F.	24 1962: Reno's temperature dips to a low of 39°F.	25 1959: High winds from a thunderstorm toppled a concrete block building under construction and tore the roofs of buildings in Henderson.
26 1920: Fallon recorded 2.13 inches of rain.	27 1970: 4.13 inches of rain fell at Elko from a thunderstorm in one day, the greatest amount ever here with 3.64 inches in one hour. The water flooded streets and basements.	28 1997: A thunderstorm produced 58 mph wind gusts and dime sized hail in Boulder City and flooded streets. An 11 year old boy was rescued from a drainage ditch.	29 2000: A tornado touched down near Paradise Valley, damaging a few hay bales. The tornado was rated a FO.	30 1967: A seven foot wall of water unleashed by thunderstorms swept down the Amargosa River warning away trailers, automobiles and houses as well as downing horses.	31 1944: All-time record stretch of consecutive days with a high in the 80s begins in Las Vegas ends at 66 days.	1962: Elko's biggest daily September snow: 2.0 inches recorded.



September 2012

Early Season Snow At Lamoille Canyon/Photo: Ray Martin

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1950: September Sweater. The record high in Las Vegas for the month is set, 113°F.	2 1997: Thunderstorms rolled into the Pahump Valley during the evening and started a deluge which inundated the area for 2 days.	3 1997: Second day in a row of flash flooding in Pahump Valley with 6.5 inches of rain in an open field between Pioche and Echo Canyon State Park.	4 1955: Indian Springs recorded a high temperature of 117°F.	5 1990: The Lincoln County Sheriff reported a brief touchdown of a weak tornado (rated F0) in an open field between Pioche and Echo Canyon State Park.	6 1999: The remnants of a tropical cyclone brought 1.10 inches to Las Vegas from the 4th through the 6th.	7 1996: Thunderstorm winds blew roofing off Stockmen's Hotel and Casino in Elko and blew over a wall under construction at the Elko County Courthouse.
8 1998: A thunderstorm produced a 80 mph gust at the Henderson Executive Airport forcing tower personnel to briefly evacuate the airport tower.	9 1998: 1.04 inches of rain fell at Winnemucca, setting a record for the greatest daily total ever recorded in September.	10 1976: Tropical Storm Kathleen moved into southwestern Nevada as a tropical depression and flooded roads throughout Las Vegas.	11 1939: The remnants of a tropical cyclone brought 3.84 inches of rain to Searchlight making it the second wettest day ever here.	12 1939: The remnants of a tropical cyclone brought 3.84 inches of rain to Searchlight making it the second wettest day ever here.	13 1913: A thunderstorm drenched Goldfield with 2.20 inches of rain resulting in homes floating away and two women drowning.	14 1934: Twelve feet of water snarled through Eldorado Canyon killing nine at Nelson's Landing. Everything in the flood's path is swept into Lake Mohave.
15 1949: The U.S. Weather Bureau sets up an office at the Winnemucca.	16 1961: A thunderstorm blasted Las Vegas leaving down many large signs on The Strip and tearing off part of the roof from The Dunes Hotel.	17 1989: A F1 tornado hit Moapa destroying several mobile homes and buildings and uprooting trees and snapping power poles.	18 1994: A severe thunderstorm produced a wind gust of 70 mph at the Battle Mountain Airport.	19 2004: Heavy snow fell in the Ruby Mountains and East Humboldt Range. Accumulations reached 4 to 7 inches.	20 1985: Roads and other property in Kershaw Ryan State Park were flooded with damaged totaling \$500,000.	21 1968: The lowest temperature ever recorded at Elko in September with a low of 15°F.
22 1961: A thunderstorm blasted Las Vegas leaving down many large signs on The Strip and tearing off part of the roof from The Dunes Hotel.	23 1952: Lovelock sets a daily record high of 96°F.	24 1958: Low of 12°F at Winnemucca, lowest temperature ever recorded here in September.	25 1997: Nora, which reached the tip of southern Nevada as a tropical storm, produced just upwards of 1.30 inches in Las Vegas.	26 1939: The third of three tropical cyclones to affect the southern United States western 1.85 inches of rain on Las Vegas from the 24th-26th.	27 1983: Two funnel clouds were sighted in North Las Vegas.	28 1926: A wildfire threatened Carson City. Five firefighters were killed when they were trapped by flames in Clear Creek Canyon.
29 1982: Greatest daily snowfall on record in Reno with 1.5 inches measured.	Spotlight On Safety: Lightning Nowhere is safe outside when thunderstorms are in an area. Lightning often strikes as far as 10 miles away from a thunderstorm. When you hear thunder move indoors immediately and take shelter away from windows and avoid contact with metal objects. If outdoors avoid being the tallest object around. Avoid being near trees, metal objects and water.					



October 2012

Thunderstorm Along Interstate 80/Photo: Jeff Thompson

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1964: Fallon reaches a high of 90°F.	2 2002: An early season snowstorm occurred in White Pine County while trees were still in full leaf resulting in a build up of snow that tore down trees and resulted in power outages up to 19 hours. A foot of snow fell in Ruth and McGill.	3 1992: A strong cold front with strong winds to eastern Nevada. Wind gusts reached up to 65 mph.	4 1986: Earliest measurable snow on record in Kyle Canyon on Mt. Charleston fell 0.4 inch.	5 1947: The high temperature in Las Vegas was 100°F, making it the latest start date on record. The mark on the 130th time in 1947 that temperature reached 100 degrees or higher setting an all-time record for a year.	6 1998: A FO tornado was sighted near Rachel for about 12 minutes.	7 1999: A widespread hail event in western Nevada. Hail up to 1.5 inches in diameter was reported in Virginia City.
8 1974: A tornado touched down in a restricted area of the Nevada Test Site.	9 1972: A downpour flooded neighborhoods in Las Vegas with up to three feet of water damaging homes.	10 1944: The longest dry spell in Las Vegas history ended, which lasted from July 2nd until October 10th, a total of 101 days.	11 2008: Snow flurries fell in Summitville. This is the earliest known occurrence of snow flurries in the Las Vegas Valley.	12 1963: An early season snowstorm dropped an October record of 5.2 inches of snow in Elko and damaged nearby ever trees in the city due to the weight of the snow on July 14th to trees.	13 1989: Biggest October snow on record in Reno with 6.8 inches measured.	14 1935: Coldest high temperature ever at Reno in November is set, 22°F.
15 1966: A daily record low of 20°F was set at Lovelock.	16 1967: A daily record low of 19°F was set at Carson City.	17 2010: After years of drought and increased water demand, Lake Mead drops to its lowest level since it was first filled in 1937. The lake reached 1063.15 feet the date.	18 1920: One inch of snow is measured in Reno.	19 1972: 13 separate funnel clouds were observed in the vicinity of Battle Mountain Airport. None of them touched the ground.	20 2004: The Nevada 24-hour state precipitation record is set at Mt. Charleston when 7.78 inches of rain fell.	21 1905: The U.S. Weather Bureau establishes an office in the Thomas-Gibbs building at the northwest corner of First and Virginia Streets in downtown Reno.
22 2001: High winds blew down numerous trees, broke some windows and tore down a large tent for a craft show in Las Vegas. McCarran Airport reported a 71 mph peak wind gust.	23 1953: A man was killed in Caliente by a tree limb that was torn down by the weight of heavy snow.	24 1951: 1.58 inches of precipitation at Winnemucca, greatest daily precipitation total ever recorded in any month.	25 1932: A daily record low of 12°F is recorded at Carson City.	26 1875: A wind-driven fire destroyed much of Virginia City, at the time the largest city in Nevada.	27 2004: Heavy snow overcast parts of central Nevada. 12 inches was reported in Austin.	28 1956: 1.56 inches of precipitation at Winnemucca, greatest daily precipitation total ever recorded in November.
29 1971: Coldest high temperatures ever recorded in October at Elko with 20°F. Elko and Winnemucca at 33°F.	30 1946: Floods near Caliente washed out the train tracks at two points and caused over the Ashcroft, Topole, Santa Fe tracks.	31 2003: An early season winter storm brought heavy snow to parts of central Nevada. Snowfall totals included 6 inches in Ruth and 4 inches in both Elko and Lund.	Spotlight On Safety: Hiking and Snow Early season snowstorms can be a hidden danger for hikers in the fall months. Often mild weather can precede an early season snowstorm, resulting in a deceptive situation for those unaware of the forecast. If you are planning to hike in the fall, check the weather before you venture out. Let someone know of your plans. Bring supplies and clothing for colder weather with you.			



November 2012

Las Vegas Sunset/Photo: Chris Stachelski

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Spotlight On Safety: Winter Driving The first winter snow, even a small amount, can make for hazardous driving conditions. Be sure to have a winter survival kit in your vehicle with a fully charged cell phone, snow cleaning equipment, warm clothes, extra food and a flashlight. Keep your gas tank full. Slow down while driving and leave extra space in between you and other vehicles. Be alert for changes in visibility. If your vehicle becomes stranded, run the engine at times with your lights on. Do minor exercises to keep your body circulated.						
1 2008: Laughlin reaches 92°F, tying the highest temperature ever in Nevada in November which was first set at Laughlin on November 3, 1988.	2 1935: 12.0 inches of snow fell at Carson City, with 11.6 inches in diameter was reported at Reno.	3 1973: A waterspout was reported on Pyramid Lake.	4 1955: Coldest high temperature ever at Reno in November is set, 22°F.	5 1987: Large hail caused the windshield of a DC-9 jetliner on take-off from McCarran Airport in Las Vegas.	6 1950: Severe flooding on the Huddy River and also in Mesquite and Overton. Homes, roads, crops and 8000 feet of railroad track were damaged by high water.	7 1913: Elko's highest temperature ever recorded in November, 82°F.
8 2002: Heavy snow in northeast and central Nevada: 37 inches at the SNOTEL at Hole-in-A-Mountain, 21 inches at Lamoille Canyon and 5 inches in Tropic and Wild Horse Reservoir.	9 1906: Elko's highest temperature ever recorded with a high of 79°F.	10 1985: 20.0 inches of snow fell at Glenbrook. At Reno 15.2 inches of snow was reported from this early-season snowstorm.	11 1905: One inch of snow is measured in Reno.	12 1938: Carson City's morning low temperature of -5°F set an all-time record for November.	13 1938: Las Vegas recorded a low temperature of -5°F, which set a daily record. This is the earliest Las Vegas has ever dropped into the teens on record.	14 2006: High winds developed across a strong cold front. A wind gust to 83 mph was measured at Ruby Valley, destroying one house and moving a pickup truck 20 feet.
15 1964: A storm dropped a total of 4 inches of snow at McCarran Airport. The reduced visibility resulted in the crash of a plane 12 miles southwest of Las Vegas that killed all 28 passengers.	16 1964: The coldest November high ever in Las Vegas, 42°F.	17 1988: Heavy snow developed across central and northeastern Nevada. A foot of new snow 3 inches of snow fell in just one hour in Elko.	18 1976: The first ever weather radar in Nevada, a WDR-74C, was activated at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas at 10:00.	19 1994: Daily record low of 23°F in Reno.	20 1963: Strong winds whipped Las Vegas, gusting to 86 mph in Henderson. The marquee of the Bonanza Gift Shop on the Strip was damaged and blown over, were broken at the Dunes Hotel.	21 1950: A series of storms deposited heavy rain which combined with melting snow to produce severe flooding in Reno.
22 1988: A cold front brought strong winds to the Reno area. A wind gust to 95 mph was reported in the Callahan Ranch area of southwest Reno.	23 1965: Up to a foot of heavy, wet snow fell from the 2nd into the 4th in Elko County resulting in power lines breaking and disrupting communications.	24 1912: Charles "Pop" Squares became the official volunteer weather observer for the City of Las Vegas.	25 1987: Up to 18 inches of snow fell above 8000 feet in the Ruby Mountains, with up to 8 inches in Lamoille. 6 inches fell in the Jarbidge area.	26 1979: Wind gusts to 88 mph were recorded at the EPA building in Carson City. A new building that was under construction collapsed due to the high winds.	27 1992: Freezing rain spread across Humboldt County causing numerous traffic accidents. One man was killed in an accident on Interstate 80 just west of Winnemucca.	28 1896: The high of 69°F at Elko makes it the lowest daily maximum temperature ever recorded here in November.
29 1998: Elko's wettest November day ever: 1.50 inches of precipitation.	30 1998: Strong winds around Gibbs downed power lines, resulting in a power outage throughout the town which lasted for most of the day.	31 2004: 15.1 inches of snow fell at Reno.	Spotlight On Safety: Cold Weather During cold weather, dress in layers. Wrap exposed pipes with towels or duct tape. Remove the water from outdoor pipes and sprinklers and insulate backflow preventers and valves with blankets or towels. The most important value to cover is the Pressure Vacuum Breaker. Sprinkler systems should be shut off entirely.			



December 2012

Nighttime Fog In Reno/Photo: Alex Hoon

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1980: What is likely the first documented official weather station in Nevada is established at Ft. Churchill and equipped with a standard rain gauge.	2 1940: A December record high of 79°F was set in Las Vegas.	3 1950: Wettest December day ever in Elko, 1.60 inches of precipitation measured.	4 1945: 10.0 inches of snow fell at Glenbrook.	5 1951: A peak wind gust of 65 mph in Las Vegas sets the highest reading recorded in Reno.	6 1980: One of the worst winter floods on record in southern Nevada did over \$1 million in damage to highways, bridges, campgrounds and irrigation canals.	7 1940: The high temperature reaches 80°F in Overton, tying the warmest high temperature ever in Nevada in December.
8 2007: A winter storm brought 19 inches of snow to Great Basin National Park, 15 inches to Austin, 11 inches to Ruth and 9 inches to Eureka.	9 1972: The morning low of -10°F at Reno remains the record low for the month of December at Reno.	10 1972: Las Vegas recorded a high temperature of 32°F. This is the coldest high temperature ever recorded here in December.	11 1939: The high temperature reaches 80°F in Overton, setting an all-time high for Nevada for the month of December.	12 1937: Rain falling on mountain snowpack caused severe flooding in the Truckee, Carson and Walker River basins.	13 2008: Strong downpours on the west and north sides of the Las Vegas Valley tore down trees, billboards and signs.	14 2002: Wind gusts of up to 100 mph tore down hundreds of trees in western Nevada and the roof off an apartment complex in Carson City.
15 2000: A cold front brought strong winds that damaged a garage roof in Currie and produced gusts up to 67 mph in Paradise Valley.	16 1930: The U.S. Weather Bureau building at the Elko Municipal Airport.	17 1976: The first ever weather radar in Nevada, a WDR-74C, was activated at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas at 10:00.	18 1948: Official weather observations and climate records for Las Vegas were to the present McCarran Airport.	19 1990: Sustained winds over 40 mph caused very rough water on Lake Tahoe stranding about 100 people on a tour boat for four hours.	20 1996: Nevada 24-hour state record for new snow is set at Daguerre Pass with 36 inches measured.	21 1967: Highest sea-level precipitation ever recorded at Las Vegas, 30.80 inches.
22 1955: Reno recorded 2.02 inches of precipitation. The very heavy rainfall and melting snow caused severe flooding in Reno.	23 1990: The morning low temperature at Lovelock was -22°F, setting a daily record.	24 2008: Unusual Christmas weather in Las Vegas. Thunder was heard in the afternoon while rain fell, then later in the evening snow fell briefly but did not stick.	25 1924: Bitter cold: Daily record low of -40°F at Elko and -26°F at Winnemucca.	26 1988: Extreme cold moved into much of Nevada: low temperatures of -27°F at Wild Horse Reservoir, -22°F in Elko and -19°F in Eureka.	27 2002: Wind gusts of 80 mph in Baker blew a trailer off under blocks. An 89 mph gust was measured at Great Basin Nat'l Park.	28 1973: Strong winds caused damage in the Reno area. A metal hat was under construction but a roof from house trailers were knocked off their foundations.
29 1955: Reno recorded 2.02 inches of precipitation. The very heavy rainfall and melting snow caused severe flooding in Reno.	30 2004: 15.1 inches of snow fell at Reno.	31 1915: Las Vegas and Searchlight both measured 5 inches of snow.	Spotlight On Safety: Cold Weather During cold weather, dress in layers. Wrap exposed pipes with towels or duct tape. Remove the water from outdoor pipes and sprinklers and insulate backflow preventers and valves with blankets or towels. The most important value to cover is the Pressure Vacuum Breaker. Sprinkler systems should be shut off entirely.			

