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Deep freeze, bitter cold descends on tri-state area



Despite sunny skies on Thursday, temperatures will only be able to rise into the mid to upper teens during the day. Keep in mind, it will remain rather breezy, keeping wind chills down at around 0 through the day. Wind chill temperatures will range from -10 to -20 over much of the area, with some spots in Ulster and Sullivan counties experiencing wind chill temperatures of -20 to -30 degrees.

Friday features more clouds as a system passes to the south. There could be a stray flurry as a result. Temperatures will remain rather cold, but the winds should be calmer, making it feel more tolerable. Highs are expected to climb into the lower 20s. Wind chills will be around 10 degrees above zero.

Through the weekend, temperatures will continue to moderate as the jet stream starts to lift across the eastern half of the nation. Temperatures climb through the 30s and into the lower 40s by Sunday.

Early next week, highs could actually be in the 50s due the southerly flow. Some rain could accompany the warm up, but, for now, heavy rainfall should hold off until Wednesday when the next storm system passes.

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