

There are more tips for dealing with snow in the training presentation on the CoCoRaHS website (slides 53-87).

Special instructions for freezing rain:

How do I measure Freezing Rain?



“Freezing rain” is rain that falls in liquid form but freezes on contact with a surface.

Do NOT report freezing rain as "Snow". Melt and measure the moisture that has accumulated inside your gauge and report that as your daily precipitation amount.

Report ZERO for your new snow amount (assuming that it all fell as rain, and no sleet or snow accumulated).

Report the total depth of freezing rain remaining on the ground at time of observation and enter that in the "Total Snow on Ground" column. Make a note in your comments section so that we know it's freezing rain.

TIP: Before you insert your gauge into the mounting bracket, apply a little cooking spray or WD-40 where the gauge and the bracket will touch – this helps keep the gauge and bracket from freezing together.

Fast facts

The first official readings for Georgia CoCoRaHS were taken in February 2008. Since then:

Number of daily reports submitted by Georgia CoCoRaHS observers: **30,870**

Total of precipitation amounts reported: **5864.53 inches**

Highest 24-hour total so far: **10.96 inches**, GA-TH-2 (Thomasville 2.8 E)
This was on 8/24/08 during Tropical Storm Fay.

All I can say is WOW!

Thank you all for everything you're doing! May you have a wonderful holiday season with exactly as much snow as you want. (Yes, that includes "none".)

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