

# Types of Precipitation

Precipitation is water that falls from the sky. It can come down as rain, but there are also other types of precipitation. Water can fall from the clouds as snow, sleet, or hail.



Sleet is small pellets of ice that fall and bounce off the ground. Freezing rain falls like rain, but then freezes on cars, trees, and roads.



Hail is balls of ice that fall from the sky. Large hail can cause a lot of damage to houses and cars.



# Snow

Snow is a type of precipitation that falls from the sky. Snow is formed when water freezes into ice crystals.



Snowflakes have six sides. Some say that no two snowflakes are exactly alike. Many people love the snow because they can build snowmen, have snowball fights, and go sledding. Many sports also involve snow like snowboarding and skiing.

Heavy snowfalls are called snowstorms. When there is a snowstorm with high winds, it can be hard to see outside. This is called a blizzard.

