

# National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office Chicago, IL

## Record Four Consecutive 50+ Inch Seasonal Snowfalls for Chicago.

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHICAGO IL  
715 PM CST SUN FEB 6 2011 /815 PM EST SUN FEB 6 2011/

...FIRST TIME THAT FOUR CONSECUTIVE WINTERS PRODUCE 50 INCH OR GREATER SEASONAL SNOWFALL TOTALS FOR CHICAGO...

OHARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN CHICAGO RECEIVED 2.6 INCHES OF SNOW TODAY. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL FOR THE SEASON SO FAR TO 50.1 INCHES...AND MARKS THE FIRST TIME IN CHICAGO WEATHER HISTORY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR CONSECUTIVE SEASONS OF 50 INCH OR GREATER SNOWFALL.

### CHICAGO OHARE SEASONAL RECENT SNOWFALL...

**2007-2008.....60.3 INCHES**  
**2008-2009.....52.7**  
**2009-2010.....54.2**  
**2010-2011.....50.1.....THROUGH FEBRUARY 6TH 2011**

THE IMPRESSIVELY SNOWY WINTERS OF THE LATE 1970S AND EARLY 1980S FEATURED THREE CONSECUTIVE WINTERS WITH 50 OR MORE INCHES OF SNOWFALL IN CHICAGO.

### LATE 1970S AND EARLY 1980S CHICAGO WINTER SNOWFALLS...

**1976-1977.....54.1 INCHES**  
**1977-1978.....82.3**  
**1978-1979.....89.7**  
**1979-1980.....42.4**

CHICAGOS AVERAGE SEASONAL SNOWFALL IS 38.0 INCHES.

THE GREATER ROCKFORD AIRPORT OFFICIALLY RECEIVED 2.7 INCHES OF SNOW TODAY...AND THE SEASON TOTAL CURRENTLY STANDS AT 48.0 INCHES.

ROCKFORD HAS HAD THREE CONSECUTIVE SEASONAL SNOWFALLS OF 50 OR MORE INCHES SINCE 2007-2008. IF ROCKFORD PICKS UP ANOTHER 2.0 INCHES BEFORE THE END OF WINTER...THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME THAT FOUR CONSECUTIVE 50 INCH OR GREAT SEASONAL SNOWFALLS HAS OCCURRED.

## **ROCKFORD RECENT SEASONAL SNOWFALL...**

2007-2008.....72.9 INCHES  
2008-2009.....56.6  
2009-2010.....50.7  
2010-2011.....48.0.....THROUGH FEBRUARY 6 2011

BY COMPARISON...ROCKFORD PUT ONLY TWO CONSECUTIVE 50 INCH OR  
GREATER WINTERS TOGETHER IN THE LATE 1970S.

## **LATE 1970S AND EARLY 1980S ROCKFORD WINTER SNOWFALLS...**

1976-1977.....31.4 INCHES  
1977-1978.....51.7  
1978-1979.....74.5  
1979-1980.....33.9

ROCKFORDS AVERAGE SEASONAL SNOWFALL IS 38.7 INCHES.

THE SEASONAL SNOWFALL PERIOD IS FROM JULY 1ST TO JUNE 30TH.

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