

Winter Scenario Pattern of a Traditional Winter Storm*

Basic Weather Elements	Dropping Barometer	Low Barometer	Rising Barometer	High Barometer
Clouds	Cirrus clouds are spotted days earlier in the sky. As the barometer drops, high clouds will form.	Stratus clouds will move in and will stay as long as the barometer stays low.	Stratus clouds will break up then gather continually until the barometer is high.	Skies will clear. Occasional cumulus clouds will appear and disappear.
Wind Direction	The wind usually comes from the south.	The wind will come from the north.	The slight wind could continue to come from the north.	No wind at all or a northwesterly breeze will dominate.
Wind Speed	Wind speed will get stronger and stronger as the barometer keeps dropping.	Strong winds will prevail for a while but will turn light to moderate after the front passes.	The wind speed could be light to moderate.	The wind will be calm or light.
Temperature	The temperature will get warmer because of the south winds.	Temperature will be cooler or cold as long as the barometer is low.	The temperature will still be cooler or cold for a while more.	Will be a gradual warming trend as long as the high pressure is present.
Precipitation	None.	Rain or snow usually will come according to the air temperature.	Rain or snow will be off and on for a while.	None

Remember the barometer predicts what is going to happen in a day or two.
This is what you would expect to happen a day or two later at each of the barometer readings.