

# No-snow December is a first for Janesville

Previous record was .31 inches in 2001

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Get ready to stamp December 2014 into the Janesville weather history book.

Not an inch of snow has dropped this month in Janesville, which hasn't happened in any other December, according to The Gazette's weather records dating back to 1948.

December's higher-than-normal temperatures were a major reason for the lack of snow.

A low-pressure system went north of southern Wisconsin this month, which drew in warmer air, National Weather Service Meteorologist Rudy Schaar said.

It was welcome relief for some after an unusually cold and snowy November dropped 7.1 inches of snow in Janesville, according to weather records.

The second least snowy December was in 2001, when .31 inches dropped in Janesville.

By this time last year, Janesville had seen 22.54 inches of snow in November and December.

The day after Christmas this year felt more like a crisp fall day with a high of 49 degrees, the highest temperature for the month.

Janice Hargan of Janesville wore a jean jacket that day as she raked leaves in the sunshine.

The average high for December in Janesville was 35.8 degrees, according to records as of Monday. The month's average low was 24.17 degrees.

Normally, temperatures are in the 20s and 30s by this time, but the week of Christmas saw days in the mid-30s and 40s, Schaar said.