

Minnesota Weatherguide Environment Calendars **2026 photo submission guidelines**

Thank you for submitting photos for the 2026 Weatherguide, our 50th Anniversary edition! We greatly appreciate your contribution, which helps support Freshwater's work for water.

If you've submitted in the past, you may notice our submission guidelines are quite different this year. Please read and follow these guidelines carefully. **Deadline for submitting photos is Jan. 12, 2025.**

1. IMPORTANT! Each photograph **file** should be named to include the following information:

- a. Month photograph was taken
- b. Photographer's initials
- c. Title or description of your image
- d. City and state where image was taken

Here are examples of the file naming format:

Feb_jcp_Melting Icicles_Minneapolis_mn.jpg

Jul_jcp_Belted Kingfisher Diving_Hudson_wi.tif

2. Photographs should feature water, wildlife, weather events, seasonal observations, astronomical phenomena and/or natural scenes of Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Please do not include photographs of pets, domestic animals, or captive animals from zoos and commercial game farms. Photos from state and national wildlife preserves will be considered.
3. Photograph submissions must be at least 300 dpi and 13 inches wide (landscape orientation) or 9 inches wide (portrait), preferably CMYK and TIF or JPG format. **You may submit a up to two (2) digital images. These photos will be considered for the front cover of either the wall or engagement calendar.** Please note: Additional photos for the 2026 50th Anniversary calendars will be sourced from a curated list of previous Weatherguide photographers; anyone may submit to have their work featured on the cover.
4. Photos must be the property of the entrant and may not have been previously published. Photographer agrees that any photos published in the calendars may also be used in Freshwater promotional brochures, displays, websites, email, social media, posters and signage. Photos will be cropped as needed for use and publication.
5. Published photos will be accompanied by the photographer's name and location where the image was taken. Optionally, we will also include a link to the photographer's website on the Freshwater website.
6. Photographers whose photograph is published on the front cover of the wall or engagement calendar will receive 24 copies of the Weatherguide calendar where their photo appears. Additional copies may be purchased from Freshwater at a discounted rate.