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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR SNOW & POSSIBLE FREEZING PRECIPITATION MONDAY NIGHT INTO TUESDAY

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January 15, 2024 – The New York City Emergency Management Department has placed the city under a Travel Advisory due to expected snow and possible freezing precipitation tonight into tomorrow. The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory in effect citywide from 8 p.m. Monday, January 15, until 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2024. The latest NWS forecast calls for light snow to begin as early as 8 p.m. tonight, becoming increasingly steadier and heavier overnight. Accumulations of 2 to 3 inches are expected by daybreak tomorrow, likely resulting in slippery roads for the morning commute. The northern portions of the city could see as much as 4 inches of snow. New Yorkers should anticipate and plan for at least minor travel delays, with difficult travel in some instances.

The bulk of the snow is expected to end by mid-morning with light precipitation continuing through the early afternoon. A mix of snow, sleet, and freezing rain or drizzle will be possible during this time. Freezing precipitation may result in an instant layer of ice, particularly on non-snow-covered or exposed roadways that are untreated and/or elevated, such as bridges. Pedestrian walkways can also be immediately affected by freezing precipitation. Even though icy conditions will likely be patchy and not blanket the entire city, New Yorkers are urged to be very mindful of this threat, not only while driving, but also to avoid slips and falls. The most likely window for freezing precipitation is between about 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

There may be a quick changeover back to light snow in the early afternoon before all precipitation comes to an end sometime between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Significant impacts are not anticipated for the evening commute at this time, although residual snow and ice could again result in a few travel delays. Outside of any freezing precipitation, there will also be a chance for any melted snow or standing water to re-freeze later in the evening. Temperatures during the day are predicted to nose above freezing, particularly closer to the coast. Alongside the rain, this would allow for some melting, which may then re-freeze as temperatures drop after sunset. Abundant sunshine during the day Wednesday could result in another melt/re-freeze cycle with patchy ice possible in the evening.

A cold airmass settles into the region following the storm. Temperatures are forecast to be several degrees below the norm throughout the week with lows in the low 20s and wind

chills in the teens to single digits. This will be the city's longest and coldest outbreak of the season thus far. A second storm late this week could bring another round of snow and an even colder air over the weekend, with wind chills potentially nearing zero alongside gusty winds. Temperatures may not rise above freezing until next Monday, resulting in the possibility of frozen or burst pipes.

"With snowfall projected to hit our area this evening into tomorrow morning, New Yorkers should take the necessary precautions to remain safe," said **New York City Mayor Eric Adams**. "While it's been nearly two years since New York City experienced more than an inch of snowfall, all relevant city agencies have been activated and are prepared to handle whatever comes our way. As a reminder, New Yorkers should sign up for [Notify NYC](#) to keep up to date on winter weather."

"New Yorkers should prepare for hazardous travel conditions tonight and tomorrow," said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol**. "With cold temperatures and steadily accumulating snowfall overnight, there's a good chance for slick snow-covered roadways and travel delays during the morning commute. We're also closely monitoring the potential for freezing precipitation and a light wintry mix that may result in patchy ice in the late morning through the early afternoon. It's been about 700 days since Central Park last recorded an inch or more of snow, and it's likely this prolonged dry spell will come to an end by tomorrow morning if the forecast holds. We're also anticipating a cold spell that may last through next Monday. Wind chills could be in the teens to single digits each day this week, with even colder conditions possible over the weekend. I urge everyone to bundle up when traveling and check on their neighbors, especially those who are older and those who may need extra assistance. Finally, I want to commend the tireless efforts of our emergency crews and first responders who are at the forefront, ensuring this city's safety and readiness. I also want to provide our heartfelt thanks to all New Yorkers for their continued support and cooperation as we confront these challenges together."

"When precipitation begins, our salt spreading operation will already be well underway, and we won't stop until the City is safe and clear. We ask all New Yorkers to exercise caution and to give our plows and spreaders the space to do their critical work. It may have been 700 days since the last real snow hit the City, but we are more ready than ever," said **Jessica Tisch, Commissioner, NYC Department of Sanitation**.

NYC Emergency Management has proactively activated the City's Winter Weather Emergency Plan in response to the forecasted conditions. This includes conducting coordination calls with the National Weather Service and city and state agencies and utility partners, and bolstering staffing at the Emergency Operations Center, which is already operational due to the city's ongoing asylum seeker operations. The administration announced that Alternate Side Parking Regulations will be suspended tomorrow, Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Payment at parking meters will remain in effect throughout the city.

As part of the Winter Weather Emergency Plan, the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has issued a Snow Alert and is fully prepared with a fleet of 700 spreaders. During a Snow Alert, the Department collaborates closely with NYC Emergency Management and the Department of Transportation to implement snow clearing protocols, adhering to the detailed snow plans established by each agency. Based on the anticipated weather, between 20 million pounds of salt could potentially be deployed to manage the snow and ice conditions effectively. DSNY will be tracking operations via its new Bladerunner 2.0 platform, allowing real-time adjustments as conditions require. Every street is on a route and, for the first time, every route can be dispatched at the same time.

NYC Department of Homeless Services is under an Enhanced Code Blue, conducting outreach every 2 hours between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. No one who is homeless and seeking shelter in New York City during a Code Blue will be denied. Should you see an individual

who appears to be homeless and in need out in the cold, please call 311 and an outreach team will be dispatched to offer assistance.

Residential building owners are legally required to maintain indoor temperatures at 68 degrees when the temperatures fall below 55 degrees outside during the day and a minimum of 62 degrees indoors overnight, regardless of outdoor temperatures. If an apartment lacks appropriate heat, a tenant should first attempt to notify the building owner, managing agent or superintendent. If heat is not restored, the tenant should register an official complaint via 311. Tenants can call 311, visit 311 online at [NYC.gov/311](https://nyc.gov/311), or use the 311 mobile app (on Android and iOS devices) to file a complaint. Hearing-impaired tenants can register complaints via a Touchtone Device for the Deaf TDD at (212) 504-4115.

NYCEM urges all New Yorkers to prioritize their safety by remaining alert and well-informed, including with real-time updates by subscribing to [Notify NYC](#) and listening to news broadcasts for the latest weather information. NYCEM strongly encourages all New Yorkers to take proactive steps to ensure their own safety and support the city's resilience:

- NYCEM offers New Yorkers tips on staying safe before, during, and after winter storms at on.nyc.gov/winterweather.
- Stay informed. Before and during an emergency, the city will send emergency alerts and updates to New Yorkers through various channels, including [Notify NYC](#). Sign up for emergency notifications online or call 311. You can also follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.
- If you have to go outdoors, wear dry, warm clothing and cover exposed skin. Keep fingertips, earlobes, and noses covered. Wear a hat, hood, scarf, and gloves.
- Shivering is an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Shivering is a signal to return indoors.
- Be safe at work. Workers who spend a lot of time outdoors are at risk for cold-related health impacts. If you are an employer, implement safe work practices, provide appropriate protective equipment, and train workers on how to stay safe during cold and winter weather.
- Allow for extra travel time and expect delays with little to no notice. Use public transportation whenever possible.
- If you must drive, drive slowly. Use major streets or highways for travel whenever possible. Always have an emergency kit in your car. It should include items like blankets, a flashlight, water, snacks, a first aid kit, and a snow shovel.
- Check on friends, relatives, and neighbors, especially older adults and people with disabilities, access and functional needs, or health conditions. Help them to prepare if needed.
- If you require assistance for daily activities, make arrangements in advance for support during the expected weather, ensuring caregivers are aware of and prepared for the weather conditions.
- Charge your phones and keep a flashlight and batteries handy. If you lose power and have a disability and/or use life-sustaining equipment and need immediate assistance, call 911.
- To report power outages, downed power lines or damaged electrical equipment, call your power provider immediately to report the outage. Con Edison's 24-hour hotline is 800-75-CONED (752-6633) (TTY: 800-642-2308). You can also report an outage online on Con Edison's website. National Grid's 24-hour hotline is 718-643-4050 (TTY: 718-237-2857). PSEG Long Island's 24-hour hotline is 800-490-0025 (TTY: 631-755-6660)

For more safety tips, visit [NYC.gov/SevereWeather](https://nyc.gov/SevereWeather). New Yorkers are encouraged to sign up for Notify NYC, the city's free emergency notification system, to stay informed about the latest weather updates and other emergencies. Notify NYC is available in 14 languages, including American Sign Language. To learn more about the Notify NYC

program or to sign up, New Yorkers can visit the [Notify NYC](#) website, call 311, or download the free Notify NYC app for your Android or Apple device. You can now text to 692-692, using the code NOTIFYNYC, NOTIFYNYCESP (Spanish), and NOTIFYFRE (French) to be instantly enrolled to receive the highest priority, verified alerts across all the five boroughs.

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