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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXTENDS TRAVEL ADVISORY THROUGH SATURDAY

Winter Weather Advisory in effect for NYC beginning Friday evening through noon on Saturday

Wintry mix of snow and sleet may affect the city

March 1, 2019 — The New York City Emergency Management Department has extended the travel advisory through Saturday, March 2. Alternate Side Parking Regulations are suspended on Saturday, March 2 to facilitate snow removal. Parking meters remain in effect citywide.

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for the city in effect from 7 p.m. Friday through noon on Saturday, March 2. A Winter Weather Advisory means that periods of snow, sleet or freezing rain may cause travel difficulties. According to the latest forecast, a weak low-pressure system will bring a wintry mix of snow and sleet overnight Friday through Saturday. The wintry mix of moves into the area late Friday night and continues overnight, tapering off Saturday morning. A lingering snow shower is possible, along with a chance for rain. A total of 2 to 4 inches of snow is in the forecast, with locally higher amounts possible. New Yorkers are advised to allow for extra travel time, use mass transit where possible and exercise caution as roads may be slippery.

“With the wintry mix of snow and sleet that may affect the city overnight through tomorrow, exercise caution if you’re out as conditions will be messy,” said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito**. “Remember to check on neighbors, friends, and relatives, especially the elderly and those with disabilities. Our agency will continue to work with the National Weather Service and our city partners to prepare for the storm.”

NYC Emergency Management continues to work closely with National Weather Service to monitor the storm, and will work with key agencies and partners will to coordinate any response to potential impacts associated with the forecast. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will open beginning 11 p.m. Friday.

The New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has loaded 695 salt spreaders across the five boroughs, and its fleet of plows will begin operations if more than two inches of snow accumulates on roadways.

The City’s Department of Transportation (DOT) will pre-deploy crews to the East River bridges. DOT will pre-salt walkways at the ferry terminal, pedestrian overpasses, muni lots and step streets, and will continue to monitor these locations. DOT will monitor conditions on the citywide Transportation network at the Joint Transportation Management Center with State DOT



and NYPD, and coordinate efforts to address any issues. For more information about all agency preparations, visit [NYC.gov/severe-weatherupdates](http://nyc.gov/severe-weatherupdates).

NYC Emergency Management is also monitoring a second system that may bring a wintry mix of snow and rain to the city Sunday evening into Monday, March 4. Although there is uncertainty with the current forecast, the agency continues to coordinate preparations with city agencies and key partners.

Safety Tips

- Consider using mass transit wherever possible. If you drive, use extra caution. Vehicles take longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Small accumulations of ice can be extremely dangerous to motorists and pedestrians. Bridges and overpasses are particularly dangerous because they freeze before other surfaces.
- Four-wheel drive vehicles may make it easier to drive on snow-covered roads, but they stop less quickly than other vehicles.
- Use major streets or highways for travel whenever possible.
- Know your vehicle’s braking system. Vehicles with anti-lock brakes require a different braking technique than vehicles without anti-lock brakes in snowy conditions.
- If you are driving and begin to skid, ease your foot off the gas and steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go. Straighten the wheel when the car moves in the desired direction. If you have an anti-lock braking system (ABS), apply steady pressure to the brake pedal. Never pump the brakes on an ABS equipped vehicle.
- Pedestrians should exercise caution and avoid slippery surfaces; some ice may not be visible. Wear sturdy boots that provide traction to reduce slipping. Use handrails when using stairs. Seniors should take extra care outdoors to avoid slips and falls.

New Yorkers are also encouraged to download the Notify NYC mobile application, which is available for free download from iTunes or Google Play. Notify NYC is the City’s free emergency notification system. Through Notify NYC, New Yorkers can also receive phone calls, text messages, and/or email alerts about weather conditions and other emergencies. To learn more about the Notify NYC program or to sign up, visit [NYC.gov/NotifyNYC](http://nyc.gov/NotifyNYC) or call 311. You can also follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

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