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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR THURSDAY,
JANUARY 20**

Light rain transitions to snow Thursday morning with potential to impact the morning commute

A Winter Weather Advisory has been issued for NYC, in effect from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday

*Alternate Side Parking Regulations are suspended Thursday, January 20; parking meters remain
in effect*

January 19, 2022 — The New York City Emergency Management Department today issued a travel advisory for Thursday, January 20. The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for New York City, which is in effect from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. According to the latest forecast, light rain is expected late Wednesday night with a transition to light snow early Thursday morning through the early afternoon. A light snowfall accumulation could result in snow-covered roads for the Thursday morning commute. A total of 2 inches of snow is expected with locally higher amounts possible.

“As more snow heads our way, New Yorkers should prepare for slippery road conditions and a messy commute on Thursday,” said **NYC Emergency Management Acting Commissioner Christina Farrell**. “We urge New Yorkers to exercise caution. If you must travel, we encourage the use of mass transit and please allow for extra travel time.”

“Rain-to-snow events such as this present unique challenges, and slick, icy roadways are possible at any time Thursday. We urge New Yorkers to stay off the roads, and to give plows and salt spreaders the space to do their jobs,” said **New York City Department of Sanitation Commissioner Edward Grayson**.

The City’s Sanitation Department is pre-deploying over 700 salt spreaders to pretreat roadways ahead of the first snowflake and is prepared to dispatch plows in all sectors when more than two inches of snow accumulates.

Safety Tips

- Allow for extra travel time. New Yorkers are urged to use public transportation.
- If you must drive, drive slowly. Use major streets or highways for travel whenever possible.
- Vehicles take longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- 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.

- Take care when walking on snow and ice, especially if you are an older adult. Seniors should take extra care outdoors to avoid slips and falls.
- Have heightened awareness of cars, particularly when approaching or crossing intersections.

For more safety tips, visit [NYC.gov/SevereWeather](https://nyc.gov/SevereWeather). New Yorkers are also 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. To learn more about the Notify NYC program or to sign up, visit [NYC.gov/NotifyNYC](https://nyc.gov/NotifyNYC), call 311, or download the free app for your Android or Apple device. You can also follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

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