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**AS WINTER WEATHER CONTINUES TO MOVE THROUGH THE AREA, NYC
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT URGES NEW YORKERS TO TAKE MASS TRANSIT
ON MONDAY**

Winter Weather Advisory in effect for New York City from 11 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Tuesday

Alternate Side Parking Regulations Suspended on Monday, December 2. Parking meters will remain in effect throughout the city.

December 1, 2019 — As winter weather continues to move through the New York City area, the New York City Emergency Management Department urges New Yorkers to use public transportation during the Monday morning and evening commutes. A travel advisory remains in effect for New York City for Monday, December 2. The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory in effect for New York City from 11 a.m. Monday through 7 a.m. Tuesday. According to the latest National Weather Service forecast, rain continues through Monday morning before transitioning to snow by early afternoon. The snow may begin accumulating during the afternoon, possibly leading to a messy evening commute. The expected snowfall may continue into Monday night, before tapering off by daybreak Tuesday. A total accumulation of 2 to 4 inches of snow is currently forecast, with possible higher amounts should the transition from rain to snow occur earlier. New Yorkers are urged to use public transportation on Monday.

“When you wake up on Monday it will be raining during the morning commute, but by the afternoon, the rain is expected to transition to snow and your evening commute may become sloppy. We are urging you to leave your vehicles at home; public transportation is the best way to get around tomorrow,” **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Deanne Criswell said.**

NYC Emergency Management continues to coordinate the City’s preparations for the upcoming inclement weather and is working closely with National Weather Service to monitor the forecast. The agency has convened daily winter weather steering committee calls to discuss agency actions ahead of the storm.

The New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has deployed 705 salt spreaders across the five boroughs, and plowing operations will begin once two inches of snow has fallen.

Safety Tips

- Allow for extra travel time. New Yorkers are urged to use public transportation on Monday.
- If you must drive, use extra caution. Use major streets or highways for travel whenever possible.

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- Vehicles take longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
 - Four-wheel drive vehicles may make it easier to drive on snow-covered roads, but they stop less quickly than other vehicles.
 - 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.
 - Keep your vehicle's gas tank as full as possible.
 - Pedestrians should exercise caution and avoid slippery surfaces. 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.
 - Have heightened awareness of cars, particularly when approaching or crossing intersections.
 - Check on family, friends and neighbors who may need help in inclement weather — especially older adults or people with disabilities.

For more information, visit nyc.gov/EmergencyManagement. New Yorkers are also encouraged to download the free Notify NYC mobile application, which is available from iTunes or Google Play. Notify NYC is the City's free emergency notification system that allows New Yorkers to 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 or call 311. You can also follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

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