

State of New Jersey

Governor Phil Murphy

ICYMI: Governor Murphy and the Murphy Administration Urge Residents to Prepare for Upcoming Snow Storm

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From the New Jersey State Police:

TRENTON- Governor Phil Murphy and the Murphy Administration are asking New Jersey residents to prepare for a winter storm that will affect the area throughout the weekend. Colonel Patrick Callahan and the New Jersey State Police are preparing the State Emergency Operations Center, which will activate tomorrow in order to monitor the winter storm conditions expected to last through Sunday.

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) has been in contact with all 21 county emergency management offices, and members of the Emergency Response Bureau are working with their counties to address any storm-related needs. State emergency management partners have been notified and will continue to coordinate with NJOEM on any traffic and power concerns, and the New Jersey Department of Transportation is prepared and ready to respond to the storm with up to 2,500 plows and spreaders.

"The latest forecasts continue to indicate that New Jersey will receive significant snow this weekend," said **Governor Murphy**. "We are closely monitoring the approaching snow storm and are prepared to keep New Jerseyans safe. Residents are urged to stay off the roads to the extent possible and always use their best judgment when traveling."

"Troopers throughout the state are ready to assist residents and commuters both on and off of the highways for the duration of the storm should the need arise," said **Colonel Patrick Callahan of the New Jersey State Police**. "But we cannot do it alone. Please use caution when traveling and prepare an emergency kit for use at home and on the roadways."

Current Forecast

A Winter Storm Watch is posted for northern counties from Saturday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. Snow forecasts range from 3" to 6" northeast, 4" to 8" northwest and 8" to 12" in the far northwestern part of the state. Ice accumulations of a trace amount of 0.1" are forecast Saturday night through Sunday morning, primarily for central and northern counties. Higher amounts are possible locally. Heavy rain is forecast for southern counties. Minor coastal flooding may occur during the high tide on Sunday morning.

Impacts to New Jersey

Heavy rain, snow, sleet, and ice will create dangerous travel conditions over the weekend. Downed trees and power lines may result in power outages. Localized flooding is possible in urban areas, on roadways, at locations with poor drainage, waterways, and in low-lying places where rain is heavy. Monitor local forecasts for the most current hazard information for your area.

Stay Informed

Follow weather news for local forecasts, warnings, and watches. For those living in Central and Southern New Jersey, visit the U.S. National Weather Service Philadelphia/Mount Holly <http://www.weather.gov/phi/> (<http://www.weather.gov/phi/>). For those living in Northern New Jersey and the New York Metro area, visit US National Weather Service New York, N.Y. <http://www.weather.gov/okx/> (<http://www.weather.gov/okx/>).

Follow NJOEM on social media for important weather updates and safety information:

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Important Tips to Remember

- Be prepared! Visit www.ready.gov (<http://www.ready.gov>) for information on how to prepare for: home, work, and your vehicle. Have an emergency kit/go-bag for all three locations. Pets are family too! Remember to include them in your emergency plans. Visit animalemergency.nj.gov to find out more.
- NEVER use a generator inside homes, garages, crawlspaces, sheds, or similar areas, even when using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation. Deadly levels of carbon monoxide can quickly build up in these areas and can linger for hours, even after the generator has shut off.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working before a storm.
- Know how to report a power outage to your utility company.
- Have cash on hand. If the power is out, so are the ATMs and credit card machines.
- Charge your cell phones and try not to use them if the power goes out. Texting uses less power than a phone call, so send text messages to save power if possible.
- Be sure to keep an adequate amount of gas in your car.
- Be sure to check on friends and neighbors who have access or functional needs.
- Need a warming center? Call NJ 2-1-1 or visit www.nj211.org (<http://www.nj211.org>) to get connected!
- Be sure to have extra medications on hand and keep them in a water-resistant container.
- Get all of your vital records and insurance papers together now. Keep them in a water-resistant container. If you can, scan and email them to yourself so you have a copy of important numbers and policies.
- Discuss business continuity plans now. Whether you are the boss or report to a boss, discuss your game plan for continued business operations.
- Know where your utility shut off valves (gas, electric, water) are and how to use them.

Drive Safely

New Jersey State Police will be out on patrol and ready to assist. If you're on the road, leave early to reach your destination and drive slowly. Remember to remove snow and ice from your vehicle before hitting the road. Please give road crews adequate space to treat and clear roadways. Leave a safe following distance behind other vehicles. For more information regarding driving times and current incidents visit: <http://www.511nj.org/> (<http://www.511nj.org/>)

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