

State of New Jersey

Governor Phil Murphy

****Winter Weather Congestion Alert**** **ICYMI: NJDOT advising motorists to plan ahead for Wednesday's storm**

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From the New Jersey Department of Transportation:

Consider curtailing travel tomorrow if possible

TRENTON – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today issued a Winter Weather Congestion Alert and are implementing the Department's Business Day Protocol for Wednesday, February 20, based on the forecast for expected snow and freezing rain beginning tomorrow morning and continuing throughout the day, which may result in difficult driving conditions, particularly during the Wednesday evening commute.

The Department is advising motorists to plan ahead and to consider curtailing travel tomorrow if possible. Snow is expected to begin tomorrow morning in South Jersey and move north. It is expected to intensify in the afternoon and at some point it is expected to turn to freezing rain, which may cause difficult driving conditions.

NJDOT will be deploying the necessary resources in advance of the storm and is coordinating its response with NJ Transit and the toll road authorities to ensure the best response for New Jerseyans.

NJDOT will deploy our Incline Package assets on I-280 and I-78 at Jugtown mountain (between Exits 7 and 11), which includes pre-positioning towing assets, NJDOT Safety Service Patrol (SSP) trucks, and coordination with New Jersey State Police.

In order for NJDOT and our regional and local transportation partners to safely and efficiently clear roadways of snow and ice, motorists need to Clear the Roads so We Can Clear the Roads.

The Department and our transportation and law enforcement partners are recommending motorists:

- Consider curtailing travel tomorrow, if possible
- Avoid Unnecessary Travel during the storm
- If you are driving and road conditions deteriorate, PULL OFF somewhere safe and wait it out
- Always STAY CLEAR of plowing and spreading trucks. If they are behind you, let them pass
- DO NOT pass between trucks that are in a plow formation
- Be patient and use caution
- Have a preparedness kit in your car with water, charged mobile phone, blanket, and snacks
- NJDOT will be using Variable Message Signs throughout the storm to provide updates. Once conditions improve, NJDOT will lift the Winter Weather Congestion Alert.

For winter weather and preparedness updates, motorists are encouraged to check the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management's website, www.ReadyNJ.gov (<http://www.ReadyNJ.gov>) and NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org (<http://www.511nj.org>) for real-time travel information. For NJDOT news and updates follow us on the NJDOT Facebook page or on Twitter @NJDOT_info (https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__t_e2ma.net_click_bur0bb_nrddit_jg2lmg&d=DwMFaQ&c=4BTEw-1msHjOY4ITcFLmDM6JB8x6ZgbU2J24IH0HZLU&r=xF3DPDNEH8rwpTwktOjb4MHQ0EgF6v3M0zt3hszQvyU&m=BnDv9DdRDkJ5nb_wWodJ7GWClzzDtY7op6nbFcV2yRA&s=8p)

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