



Town of Lewisboro NY Office of Emergency Management

Be Informed – Be Prepared – Be Ready

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Winter Weather Awareness 2015

Watch vs. Warning vs. Advisory...What's the difference?

Winter Storm Watch

Issued when confidence reaches 50% that warning thresholds could be reached.

Often within a few days of the event.

Winter Weather Advisory

Issued when winter weather conditions are expected to cause a significant inconvenience and may be hazardous.

At least 3" of snow and/or sleet accumulation in 12 hours, or a trace of ice.

Winter Storm Warning

Issued when confidence reaches 80% or higher than warning thresholds will be reached.

6"+ of snow in 12 hours; 8"+ of snow in 24 hours.

Often issued within a day or two of the event.

National Weather Service – New York, NY

weather.gov/NYC | National Weather Service New York NY | @NWSNewYorkNY | NWSNewYorkNY

Ready

DURING A SNOW STORM...

- *LISTEN TO LOCAL OFFICIALS
- *STAY OFF ROADS
- *CHARGE DEVICES IN CASE THE POWER GOES OUT
- *CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS



WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- Clean debris from your vehicle
- Use low gears on hills
- Allow more stopping distance
- Don't drive if you don't have to
- Be mindful of black ice
- Know skid and slide recovery
- Take your foot off the pedals
- Steer gently
- As the vehicle regains traction, gently apply the brakes or the accelerator

Winter Storm Safety Rules

In the interest of public safety, the following safety rules are provided. Please feel free to broadcast these safety rules through Social Media while a Winter Storm Warning is in effect.

Take Action, Be Prepared!

- Be informed ... listen to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television.
- Should you need to travel, make sure your car is winterized ensuring all parts are in good working order and that you begin any trip with a full tank of gas.
- Ensure food and medical supplies are adequate before the storm begins.
- Check your supply of heating fuel, and be careful when using alternative heating sources with the risk of carbon monoxide and fire.
- If you must venture outside, wear several layers of light-weight warm and dry clothing. Protect extremities while wearing waterproof and hooded outer garments.

A **Winter Storm Watch** means that a winter storm is imminent within the next 12 to 36 hours – be prepared to take action.

A **Winter Storm Warning** means that a winter storm is expected within 12 hours or occurring – take action now!

Website: www.weather.gov/boston | Twitter: @NWSBoston
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/US.NationalWeatherService.Boston.gov>

Outdoor Safety #winterprep

Snow Shoveling

- Shoveling snow can be extremely hard work, especially for seniors.
- You should not shovel snow unless you are in good physical condition.
- Know your limits. Rest frequently and pace yourself.
- Use a proper snow shovel and lift with your legs, not your back. If you experience chest or arm pain, stop immediately and go indoors. Seek emergency medical attention if needed.
- Overexertion can cause sore muscles, falls on slippery surfaces, and most significantly, heart attacks. Consider asking for help with clearing the snow and ice.

Illinois and Indiana Winter Weather Preparedness
National Weather Service Chicago: weather.gov/chicago

Power Outage Tips

BEFORE

- Follow directions from local officials
- Check flashlight and radio batteries
- Charge mobile devices
- Add warm clothes and blankets to emergency kit
- Keep gas tank full
- Take cash out (ATM's may not work)

DURING

- Conserve energy
- Go to community warming shelters & check on neighbors, family, seniors and homeless
- Only use generators in open areas away from windows and home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning

AFTER

- Throw out unsafe food

Who to Call → Where to Meet → What to Pack

Ready

NYSEG – Report Power Outages
800-572-1131 OR www.nyseg.com/outages

