



Delaware-Northeast Winter Storms 02/23/2026

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“Governor Matthew Meyer has declared a State of Emergency as of 12 p.m. today in anticipation of the impending winter storm. The State of Emergency will allow for the mobilization of statewide resources needed to prepare for and respond to this storm, including the activation of the Delaware National Guard.

“I’m declaring a State of Emergency and activating every available state resource to ensure Delawareans are protected as this blizzard blankets our communities, including increased risks for coastal flooding,” said **Governor Matt Meyer**. “Prepare now, please stay off the roads once the storm begins, and look out for your neighbors. We will continue working around the clock to keep every Delawarean safe.”

The Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) has been activated at an Enhanced Watch level since Saturday morning in advance of the upcoming winter snowstorm and is slated for Full Activation beginning Sunday at 5:00 p.m. DEMA is joined by partners at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and virtually, such as the National Guard, the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), the Delaware State Police (DSP), National Weather Service (NWS), local Counties and the Governor’s office, to coordinate response efforts. The Joint Information Center (JIC) has also been activated.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Blizzard Warning for all of Delaware from Saturday to Monday. Confidence remains high that a potentially historic winter storm will impact the area through Monday bringing anticipated snow fall totals of 12 to 20 inches. Widespread closures and impacts to infrastructure likely.

Visit NWS' [Winter Weather Dashboard](#) that details the short-term forecast for winter weather conditions in the three-state region that includes Delaware.

Delawareans should also anticipate the issuance of state-mandated Driving Restrictions. Three levels of Driving Restrictions (below) are designed to keep motorists and emergency responders safe by minimizing nonessential travel during periods of severe weather and perilous road conditions.

- **Level 1 Driving Warning** – Avoid traveling on roadways, unless there is a significant safety, health, or business reason to do so. All motorists are urged to drive with extreme caution.
- **Level 2 Driving Restriction** – No person may operate a motor vehicle on Delaware roadways, except for persons designated as “essential personnel.” Travel on roadways restricted to essential personnel; emergency workers, first responders, health care and designated persons already approved through DEMA’s State of Emergency Driving Waiver Program.
- **Level 3 Driving Ban** – Travel on roadways restricted to emergency workers, first responders, health care workers, utility workers, snow removal operators, or private sector food and fuel deliveries.

DEMA urges the public to sign up for the Delaware Emergency Notification System (DENS) at de.gov/dens for updates on hazardous conditions, and to prepare homes and vehicles today ahead of the incoming storm Saturday evening. The recommendations are to stock up on household essentials including non-perishable food and water, prescription medications, first aid supplies, flashlights, batter- powered radios and more, and to check in with elderly neighbors and relatives to ensure all have a plan for safety. Automotive preparedness includes a full tank of gas, topped off fluids, working breaks and wipers, jumper cables, blankets, scrapers and the like. Visit PrepareDE.org for full lists of emergency items for the home and car. Follow DeIDOT’s traffic advisory radio stations, WTMC, for streaming updates from [WTMC](#) Radio 1380AM and 98.5 FM. Listen to [WTMC](#) through the [DeIDOT app](#), which provides real-time updates on roadway and transit conditions.

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100 w 10th ST
Wilmington, DE 19801
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Open Shelters:

Friendship House- 1503 West 13th Street Wilmington, DE 19806

Catholic Charities Bayard House- 300 Bayard Avenue Wilmington, DE 19805

The Salvation Army- 104 West 5th Street Wilmington, DE 19801

Department of Transportation

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United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

[Free, Confidential Hotline | Delaware 211](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](#)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

[DisasterAssistance.gov](#)

[Home | disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/search-your-location)

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](https://www.redcross.org/help-those-affected-by-disasters)

National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](https://www.weather.gov/alerts).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com](https://www.weather.com).

Safe Travel USA

[SafeTravelUSA](https://www.safe-travel.com)

National Traffic And Road Closure Information

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/traffic)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.

