



# New Jersey – Northeast Winter Storm February 23, 2026

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*“Governor Mikie Sherrill declared that New Jersey will enter a State of Emergency effective at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, 2026 in anticipation of a severe winter storm expected to cause hazardous weather conditions across the state, including blizzard conditions with wind gusts up to 55 miles per hour, heavy and widespread snow, and potential coastal flooding. Executive Order No. 14 declares a State of Emergency across all 21 counties in New Jersey. Recent estimates suggest that snow accumulations could exceed 10 inches across all regions of the state, with some coastal communities expecting as much as 24 inches of snowfall.*

*“Beginning tomorrow and continuing into Monday, we expect to see a winter storm bring severe blizzard conditions across our state,” said Governor Sherrill. “We are urging all New Jerseyans to use caution, stay off the roads, and follow all safety protocols during the storm.” Governor Sherrill encourages New Jerseyans to visit [ready.nj.gov](#) for important weather updates and safety information. Residents should also monitor local forecasts, warnings, and watches.”*

## **Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency**

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## **American Red Cross**

Red Cross Central New Jersey  
707 Alexander Road  
Suite 101  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
(609) 951-8550

[New Jersey Region | American Red Cross | American Red Cross](#)

Open Shelters:

For the most up to date map of open shelters, please visit: [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

## **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](#).

New Jersey 211

[Need Help? Start Here](#)

## **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](#)

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](#)

## **American Red Cross National**

(800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](#)

## **National Weather Service**

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

## **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.](#)

## **Safe Travel USA**

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

## **National Traffic And Road Closure Information**

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

## **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>.