



New York Northeast Winter Storms February 23, 2026

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Press Release 2/22/2026

“All Non-Essential State Employees in Blizzard Warning Areas Directed To Stay Home and Work Remotely on Monday

State of Emergency Declared as of Saturday for Albany, Bronx, Columbia, Greene, Delaware, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Queens, Rensselaer, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Schenectady, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester and Contiguous Counties

Blizzard Warning Expanded To Include Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Dutchess and Ulster Counties; Previously Issued for Long Island, New York City and Southern Westchester County; Winter Storm Watches Issued for Parts of the Capital Region and Mohawk Valley

18-24 Inches of Snow Forecast for Long Island and New York City; 12-18 Inches Forecast for the Hudson Valley; 8-12 Inches Forecast for the Capital Region; Widespread 1-6 Inches Forecast for Rest of State”

Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
1220 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12226
518-242-5000

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American Red Cross

American Red Cross Greater New York Region
520 West 49th Street
New York, NY 10019
877-733-2767

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For the most up to date map of open shelters, please visit:

[Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

Department of Transportation

New York State Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12232
518-457-6195

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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](#).

[211 New York State](#)



Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](https://www.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://www.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](https://www.safetravelusa.com)

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>.