



January 23, 2026

Greetings –

I hope everyone stays safe over the weekend.

As you're aware, forecasts are calling for frigid temperatures starting tonight (as low as 9 degrees), and much colder with the windchill, and a foot of snow to fall between early Sunday morning (around 7am) into Monday morning. New York City Emergency Management provides information and suggestions to prepare. [Go to their website for details.](#) For updates from New York City Emergency Management in multiple languages [click here.](#)

NYC Public Schools: As the city prepares for the winter storm, Mayor Mamdani said Friday morning that there will be no traditional snow day on Monday in the case that one is needed. Instead, schools will either remain open for in-person instruction on Monday or shift to remote learning if school buildings are closed. Mayor Mamdani said he will decide whether schools will be open by noon Sunday. Check your local media outlets for latest updates or call 311.

Preparing for Extreme Winter Weather

Before the Storm

Winterize your home: Insulate your doors and windows with caulk and foam insulation to prevent heat loss and drafts, make sure you have adequate heating fuel, dig out that snow shovel and rock salt.

Stock up: Make sure to have an adequate food supply for several days and don't forget the needs of your pets; have plenty of batteries, blankets, warm clothing and your medical and prescriptions supplies.

Stay Informed: Listen to weather updates and consider having a battery-operated radio on hand in case of power outages, check on elderly neighbors and those with mobility issues to make sure they are prepared and have an emergency plan.

Stay Put: Unless there is an emergency, do not drive; take public transit if absolutely necessary and [check MTA's website for updates](#) on service delays and interruptions.

During the Storm

Stay Indoors: But only use heating devices that are approved for the indoors, do not improvise with your gas stove or oven as this can cause a dangerous build-up of carbon monoxide.

If Going Outside is Necessary: Be aware that the wind chill and low temperatures can cause frostbite and hypothermia. Dress in layers, protect the most vulnerable parts of the body: earlobes, fingertips, and nose; and make sure your pets are protected from the extreme cold and rock salt in their paws when taking them outdoors, rinse their paws back at home.

Sensible Shoveling: Stretch and warm up your body before going outside to shovel, cover your mouth to prevent damage from the cold air, take frequent breaks, stay hydrated, and change wet clothes for fresh dry ones before continuing. Don't overdo it, consider getting a shoveling service or asking a younger neighbor to assist you.

If You Lose Power: Call your power provider immediately to report the outage.

Con Edison: 1-800-752-6633 (TTY: 1-800-642-2308)

National Grid: 718-643-4050 (TTY: 718-297-2857)

Stay clear of downed power lines. Turn off all appliances. Keep refrigerator/freezer doors closed to prevent food spoilage. Do not use generators indoors. If you have a disability/access needs or use life-sustaining equipment (LSE) and need immediate assistance, call 911.

Earn Money Helping with Snow Removal

Emergency Snow Shovelers are called on after heavy snowfalls to remove snow and ice citywide from public areas like bus stops, crosswalks and fire hydrants, and step streets. DSNY is recruiting temporary, per diem (by day) shovelers as needed. Pay starts at \$19.14 per hour and increases to \$28.71 per hour after the first 40 hours worked in a week: [Click here for more details and registration](#).

Governor Hochul's Fiscal 2027 Executive Budget

On Tuesday, Governor Hochul released the FY 2027 Executive Budget marking the formal start of the State's budget approval process. There is, of course, much to unpack in a \$260 billion dollar budget and in the coming weeks the Assembly and Senate will be reviewing

and holding hearings on the Governor's proposals and then engage in negotiations with the Governor until an agreement is reached and the budget passed.

The Governor proposes several critical initiatives: among those that are particularly noteworthy are investing an additional \$1.7 billion in childcare funding to make Pre-K truly universal statewide by the start of the 2028-29 school year and partnering with New York City to launch the new Mayor's 2-Care program and while ensuring universal 3K access in New York City.

I also strongly support the Governor's proposal to provide funding to maintain a tuition freeze for residents at four-year SUNY and CUNY schools and free community college as well as increasing the income eligibility limits for both the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) from \$50,000 to \$75,000 in New York City.

In the face of federal funding cuts, the Governor committed to protecting healthcare and food assistance programs and the State should absolutely do whatever is in its power to ensure New Yorkers have the healthcare they need and do not go hungry. However, the uncertainty around federal funding points to a broader issue around the sustainability of the proposals put forward by the Governor. I believe the State needs to identify broad-based recurring revenue sources that will allow for pro-active investments in human and infrastructure needs that go beyond the Governor's proposals and will be advocating around this in the weeks ahead.

Honoring Retiring Community Board 7 District Manager Jeremy Laufer

I rushed back from Albany on Wednesday evening to congratulate Jeremy Laufer, longtime District Manager of Community Board 7, on his retirement. For 25 years, Jeremy has worked tirelessly for the people of Community Board 7. He is an exemplary public servant and it has always been a pleasure to work with him, both when I was a member of CB7 and as Assemblymember. I want to wish Jeremy all the best in his next chapter!



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