



## Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Situation Report # 4

**Subject:** High Impact Nor'easter

**Date/Time:** 2/23/2026, 10:00 AM

Note: *Blue/italic* text denotes updates since the previous Sitrep/SAS.

SEOC Activation Level Level III: Partial Activation

**Massachusetts Lifeline Status:**

			
Critical Infrastructure	Emergency Services	Health and Human Services	Operations Support
<i>Yellow</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Green</i>

### Incident or Event Overview

#### Situation

*As of this morning, the National Weather Service (NWS) and MEMA's Meteorologist continue to track a strong nor'easter that initially impacted the region last evening and is forecasted to continue to impact the region through today with heavy snow, strong winds, and coastal flooding.*

*Snow overspread the state overnight, and the heaviest snow is expected from pre-dawn today through this afternoon. Snowfall rates could reach up to 1-3 inches per hour during this timeframe. Snowfall will taper off from west to east during the late afternoon and evening. A widespread 12-18 inches of snow is expected, with localized amounts up to 2 feet possible in eastern Massachusetts (MA).*

Widespread wind gusts of 50-70 MPH are possible, with the strongest winds occurring along the immediate eastern coastline and on the Cape and Islands. Winds will ease from west to east this afternoon and evening, but gusts of up to 50-60 MPH may persist on Cape Cod through the evening. Combined with heavy snow, these winds *are causing* power outages and blizzard-like conditions, especially in eastern MA starting this morning.

Minor coastal flooding is expected along east-facing shores during the morning and evening high tides, with moderate flooding possible on Nantucket. Minor coastal flooding may persist until early Tuesday.

Following the storm, conditions are expected to be dry and cold on Tuesday, but temperatures will gradually climb throughout the week. Some light snow is expected on Wednesday, with less than 3 inches predicted.

Governor Healey has declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth for this storm event. Additionally, the Governor has issued an Executive Order and has 200 members of the MA National Guard (MANG) to support storm operations.

**Current Declarations**

Gubernatorial State of Emergency | Choose an item.

**Critical Media/ Press Releases**

<b>Governor's Press Releases</b>	<a href="https://www.mass.gov/news/governor-healey-declares-emergency-activates-national-guard-ahead-of-strong-winter-storm">https://www.mass.gov/news/governor-healey-declares-emergency-activates-national-guard-ahead-of-strong-winter-storm</a> <i>As of 02/22/2026</i>
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**Impacts/ Potential Impacts**

- Hazardous travel conditions are likely through this evening and will impact both morning and evening commutes. Travel may become difficult to impossible during the peak of the storm this morning due to heavy snowfall rates and strong winds creating blizzard-like conditions.
- Accumulations of heavy wet snow together with damaging winds may result in downed trees and limbs and power outages, with potentially historic impacts from southeast of Boston through to Providence
- Minor to moderate coastal flooding and beach erosion is expected along east-facing shores during the Monday morning and evening high tides, with moderate flooding possible on Nantucket. Coastal flooding may persist into Tuesday.

**Power Outages**

*As of 10:00 AM, there are a total of 255,764 customer outages.\**

**Power Outages by Utility Provider**

Company	Current Customer Outages	Change over previous report ('+' indicates increase, '-' indicates decrease)
Eversource East (formerly NSTAR)	72,393	+ 41,168
Eversource West (formerly WMECo)	141	+ 141
National Grid	41,325	+ 12,773
Unitil	0	0
Total as of 7:00AM (see attached MEMA outage map)	113,859	+ 54,082

**Weather Forecast Overview**

**Advisories, Watches and Warnings**

Additional information can be found here: <https://www.weather.gov/box/>

**Blizzard Warning** – For Essex, Norfolk, Middlesex, Suffolk, Bristol, Plymouth, and Barnstable until 7 AM Tuesday.

**Winter Storm Warning**- For Franklin and Hampshire County until 7 AM Tuesday.

**Storm Warning-** For Coastal Waters extending out to 25 nm South of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket until 1 AM Tuesday.

### Weather Graphics



# Expected Additional Snowfall Through This Evening

Weather Forecast Office  
Boston, MA



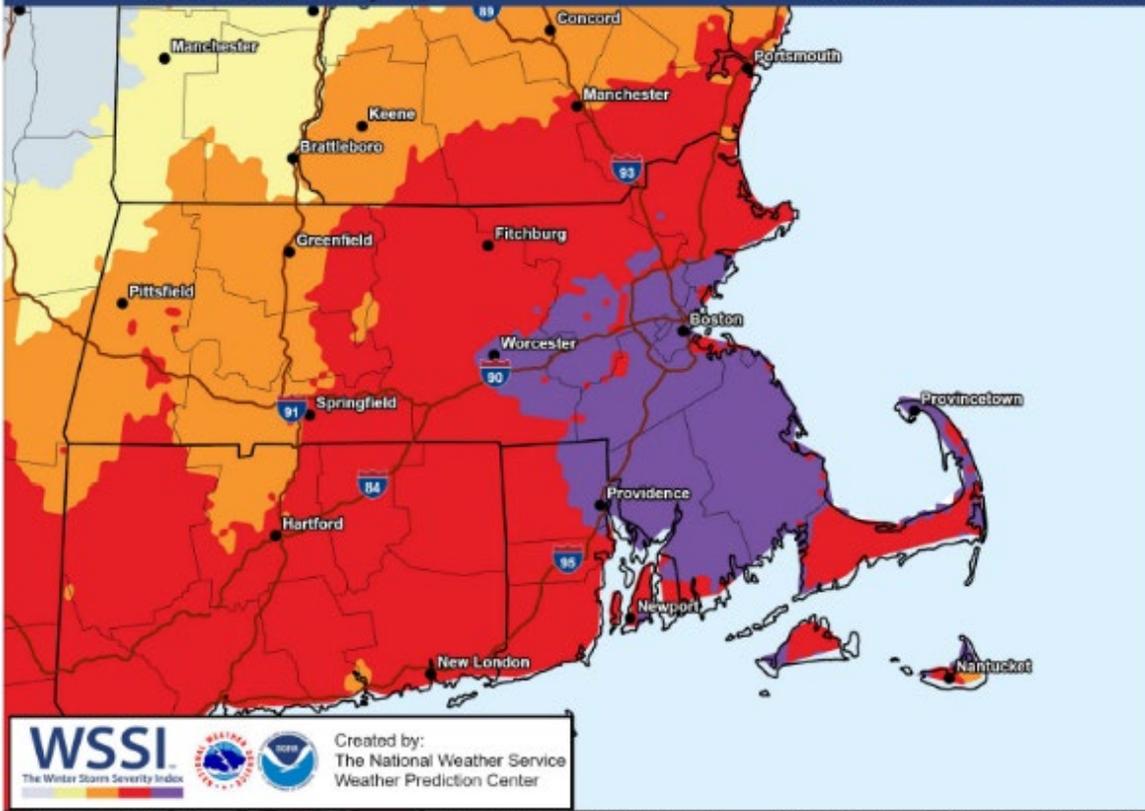
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Issued Feb 23, 2026 4:16 AM EST



# WSSI Overall -- Day1

Valid through Tue, Feb 24, 2026 01 AM ET



**WSSI**  
The Winter Storm Severity Index

Created by:  
The National Weather Service  
Weather Prediction Center

Potential Winter Storm Impacts      Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)      Issued: Mon, Feb 23, 2026 01 AM ET

Winter Weather Area	Minor Impacts	Moderate Impacts	Major Impacts	Extreme Impacts
<p>Expect winter weather.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter driving conditions. <b>Drive carefully.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Expect a few inconveniences to daily life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter driving conditions. <b>Use Caution while driving.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Expect disruptions to daily life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hazardous driving conditions. <b>Use extra caution while driving.</b></li> <li>Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.</li> </ul>	<p>Expect considerable disruptions to daily life.</p> <p>Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. <b>Avoid travel if possible.</b></p> <p>Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.</p>	<p>Expect substantial disruptions to daily life.</p> <p>Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. <b>Travel is not advised.</b></p> <p>Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.</p> <p>Life-saving actions may be needed.</p>

## 1 Hour Snowfall

Monday Morning, Feb 23 - Monday Afternoon, Feb 23

	Mon 2/23											
	5am	6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm
Block Island	2	2.7	2.3	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2
Boston	0.8	1	1.1	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.2	1	1.1	1	0.8
Chatham	1.5	2.5	2.7	2.2	1.8	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Fitchburg	0.7	0.7	0.8	1	1.3	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2
Gloucester	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.3	2	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1
Hartford	0.9	0.9	0.9	1	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0
Hyannis	2.1	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.2	2	1.5	1.3	1.2	1	1	0.9
Lowell	0.8	0.7	1	1	1.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5

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1 Hour Snowfall (in)

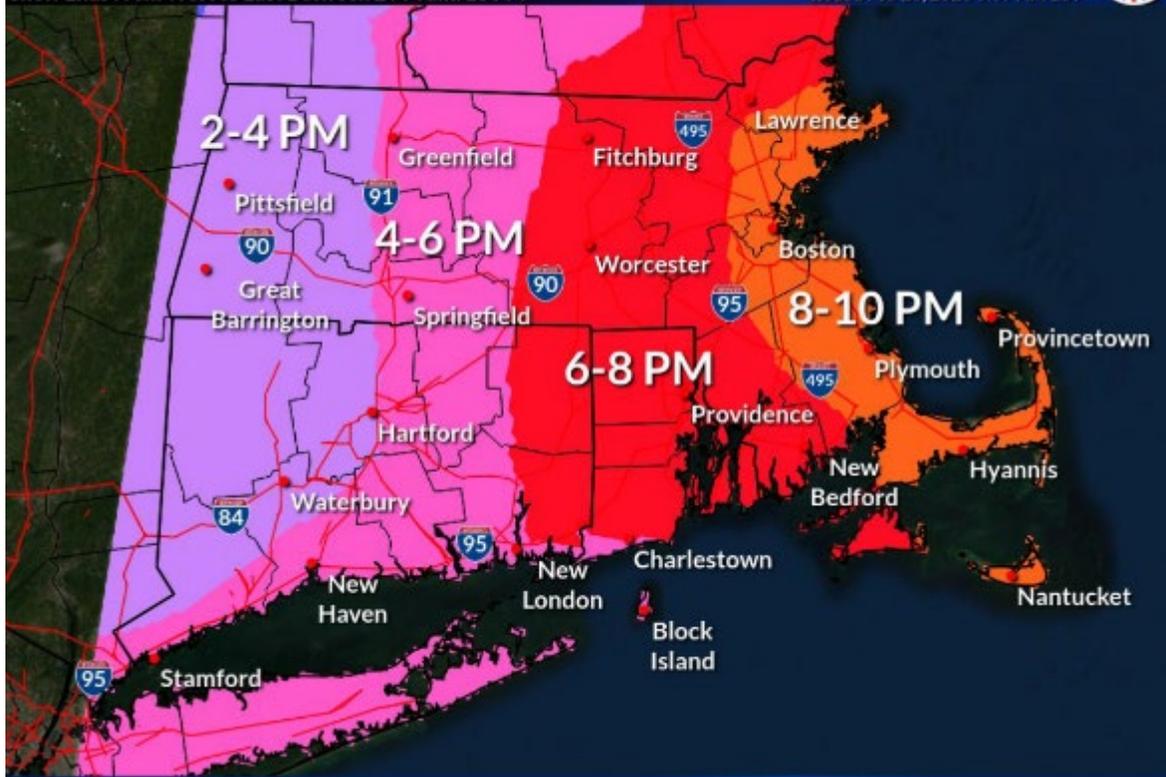
# Snowfall Ending Time Through This Evening

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Boston, MA



Snow Ends From West to East Between 2 PM and 10 PM

Issued Feb 23, 2026 5:07 AM EST



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# Maximum Wind Gust Very Late Tonight Into Monday

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Boston, MA



Strongest Winds Arrive Between 4-8 AM Mon and continue into the afternoon

Issued Feb 22, 2026 12:11 PM EST



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# Week Ahead: Wind Gusts

February 23, 2026  
5:20 AM

## Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	2/24 Tue			2/25 Wed			2/26 Thu			2/27 Fri			2/28 Sat			3/1 Sun							
	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm				
Block Island	25	23	21	16	24	24	22	16	18	23	23	22	19	16	13	14	17	17	16	20	21		
Boston	21	20	19	10	15	17	14	13	14	14	15	15	15	13	10	14	16	16	15	17	17	16	
Brockton	20	18	19	9	17	20	18	13	14	13	15	16	16	12	9	14	16	15	16	17	18	19	
Gloucester	25	20	17	15	18	20	16	17	17	15	17	18	18	16	15	16	17	17	18	18	18	18	
Greenfield	18	17	12	6	10	12	10	9	10	9	9	12	13	9	7	12	14	13	12	15	16	14	
Hartford	21	21	12	8	15	17	14	12	10	12	12	13	14	15	10	7	13	16	14	13	17	18	16
Hyannis	22	17	15	14	20	21	17	17	15	14	15	20	18	17	13	12	14	16	15	16	15	17	16
Lowell	20	20	10	6	12	13	11	9	12	12	8	10	13	14	9	7	13	15	12	12	16	17	12
Nantucket	23	18	18	15	20	21	20	20	15	15	21	21	20	18	14	12	13	14	15	16	15	17	16
New Bedford	21	17	15	10	21	22	17	15	13	14	17	18	17	16	13	10	14	16	15	15	16	17	15
Newport	21	17	17	12	20	21	18	17	14	15	18	20	18	16	14	12	13	15	16	17	16	17	17
Providence	16	16	12	6	15	17	12	10	10	12	12	13	13	14	9	7	10	15	12	12	14	16	13
Provincetown	29	23	20	18	22	24	20	20	18	16	21	22	21	20	16	15	16	18	20	21	20	21	21
Springfield	21	21	16	8	15	16	14	13	12	13	13	14	14	15	12	9	14	17	16	16	17	20	18
Vineyard Haven	22	18	17	13	20	21	18	17	14	15	20	21	18	17	14	10	13	15	15	16	16	16	16
Worcester	21	20	15	8	15	17	13	13	14	14	12	14	15	15	12	9	15	16	15	15	18	20	16



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# Week Ahead: Temperatures

February 23, 2026  
5:20 AM

## Temperature (°F) Forecast

	2/24 Tue			2/25 Wed			2/26 Thu			2/27 Fri			2/28 Sat			3/1 Sun							
	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm				
Block Island	26	29	29	25	31	38	38	33	36	37	38	38	39	37	34	37	37	38	37	36	39	35	
Boston	22	30	28	15	15	35	36	33	29	37	37	32	36	40	37	29	25	40	39	34	33	42	35
Brockton	20	30	27	12	14	35	36	32	26	37	36	32	35	41	36	27	22	41	39	32	32	43	34
Gloucester	20	29	28	16	17	34	35	33	27	36	36	31	33	40	36	29	25	38	38	33	32	40	33
Greenfield	18	25	23	10	12	29	36	31	23	34	35	28	29	39	34	25	18	40	40	32	30	37	31
Hartford	19	27	25	11	17	36	37	33	25	37	38	31	34	41	36	27	22	41	41	33	31	42	35
Hyannis	21	30	28	18	22	37	35	33	29	37	36	33	37	41	35	30	28	37	36	33	33	41	35
Lowell	20	29	27	12	11	31	35	30	24	37	36	29	31	40	35	25	20	40	40	32	31	41	33
Nantucket	25	30	29	25	28	39	38	37	32	38	37	37	39	41	36	33	30	38	37	36	35	40	36
New Bedford	20	30	27	14	19	37	36	32	26	38	36	33	34	41	35	29	25	39	37	33	31	42	34
Newport	25	30	28	19	26	37	37	36	31	37	37	36	39	41	37	32	29	39	39	36	35	42	36
Providence	20	29	26	13	14	35	36	33	26	37	36	32	36	42	36	28	23	42	39	33	32	43	35
Provincetown	25	30	29	22	24	37	36	34	31	38	35	35	37	42	36	33	32	39	37	35	35	40	35
Springfield	19	27	25	10	14	33	37	32	23	37	37	31	32	40	36	26	21	41	41	32	30	41	34
Vineyard Haven	22	31	28	21	25	38	36	34	30	38	36	35	37	41	35	31	29	38	36	34	34	41	35
Worcester	19	27	24	11	13	33	34	31	25	35	35	29	32	40	33	25	21	40	39	31	31	39	32



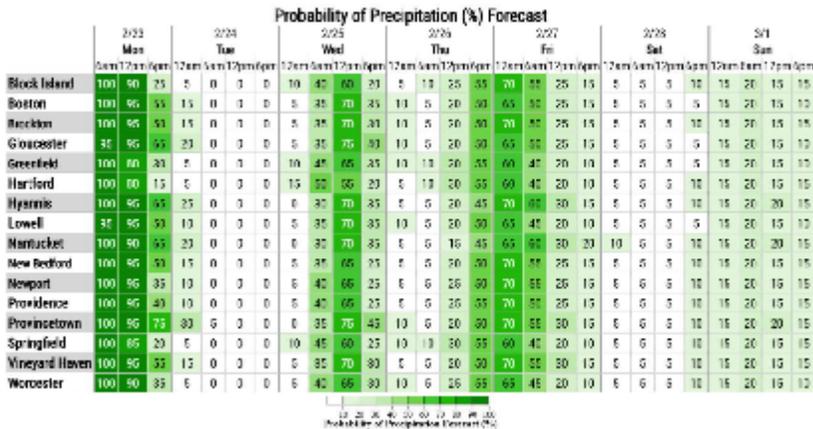
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# Week Ahead: Few Chances for Light Snow

February 23, 2026  
5:20 AM

- **Widespread light snow Wednesday.**
  - Likely less than 3 inches for most locations.
- **Potential for another system late Thursday-Friday.**
  - Lower confidence in amounts (several days out).
  - This looks to be more of a wintry mix to perhaps plain rain eventually along the coastal plain.



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## State Emergency Operations Center

The SEOC continues to coordinate any response activities as needed, including scheduling coordination calls. Debris Management vendors have been notified of the potential need for their services if requested. The SEOC has coordinated with FEMA Region 1 and neighboring states regarding the situation.

*The SEOC is currently operating at Partial Activation from 7 AM to 7 PM with a complement of MEMA personnel and Emergency Support Function (ESF) partners.*

In WebEOC, please utilize the "2026 February Incidents" Event to share Situational Awareness, updates to Community Status, or make Requests for State Assistance.

MEMA will host another statewide call for state and local officials at 11:30 AM to provide updated information on the forecast and ongoing operations. *Additionally, MEMA supported a coordination call with the Governor's Office and affected cabinet members at 9 AM to enhance situational awareness and decision-making.*

*Governor Healy is scheduled to host a press event at the SEOC at 2 PM today.*

MEMA will continue to monitor the situation. The SEOC will continue to disseminate Situational Awareness Statements throughout today.

## Regional Emergency Operations Center

MEMA's Eastern and Western Regional Emergency Operations Centers (REOCs) in Agawam, Tewksbury, and Franklin activated at 7 AM. The REOCs will actively monitor the situation, support resource requests, and proactively reach out to communities as the storm progresses across the Commonwealth. Communities with operational needs should contact their Regional Office.

## Emergency Support Functions Activated

ESF 1 Transportation

ESF 7 Volunteers and Donations

ESF 13 Public Safety and Security

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 2 Communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 14 Recovery
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> ESF 9 Search and Rescue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 15 Public Information and External Affairs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 4 Fire Fighting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 10 Hazardous Materials and Environmental Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESF 16 Military Support
<input type="checkbox"/> ESF 5 Business and Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> ESF 11 Animal, Agriculture, and Natural Resources	
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### MA Lifelines

A lifeline enables the continuous operation of critical government and business functions and is essential to human health and safety or economic security.

Lifeline icons are color-coded to indicate current lifeline status:

#### Color Code Legend

- **Green:** Indicates lifeline services are stabilized, re-established, or not impacted. *Note: Green components may still be severely impacted*
- **Grey:** Indicates no situational update. (Unknown)
- **Red:** Indicates lifeline services disrupted and no solution identified or in progress (Unstable, no solution in process)
- **Yellow:** Indicates lifeline services disrupted but solution in progress with estimated time to stabilization identified (Unstable, solution in progress)

### Lifeline Status as Reported by Emergency Support Function and Other Key Stakeholders

#### Emergency Services Branch



 Firefighting	 Public Safety/ Security	 Search and Rescue
Firefighting <i>Green</i>	Public Safety/ Security <i>Green</i>	Search and Rescue <i>Grey</i>

ESF/ Task Force	Critical Information
<b>ESF 4: Firefighting</b>	<i>No significant issues at this time</i>
<b>ESF 13: Public Safety and Security</b>	<p><b>Massachusetts State Police (MSP):</b> This morning, the State Police Command Staff met to discuss the storm and the organization's posture to support the Commonwealth.</p> <p>The State Police plan to utilize specialty personnel to augment patrols to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist stranded and disabled motorists by dispatching roadside Assistance and tow providers,</li> </ul>

- Facilitate emergency response with Fire/EMS crews, and
- Coordinate with MassDOT, DCR, and local DPWs with updated conditions and road treatments.

Motorists are encouraged to stay off the roadways to allow crews to work. Motorists required to be on the roads are further reminded to:

- Plan on extended commute times,
- Slow down for the conditions,
- Extend their braking distance, and
- Move over for crews working to clear roadways.

*This morning, State Police coordinated with MANG to acquire 4 (four) mobility vehicles for Westin, Danvers, and (2) Middleborough.*

*State Police will conduct coordination calls with barracks across the state starting at 10 AM.*

### Critical Infrastructure Branch



 Transportation	 Communication	 Public Works/Engineering	 Water Systems	 Energy
Transportation	Communication	Public Works/Engineering	Water Systems	Energy
Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow

### ESF 1: Transportation

#### Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)

Due to the severe weather, MBTA subway trains and buses will be operating at reduced levels (similar to Sunday schedules). Customers who need to travel today should anticipate longer wait times between trains and buses, many of which will operate on their Snow Routes. Please see T-Alerts for updated information. Mattapan Line service will be suspended and replaced with shuttle buses. All Commuter Rail lines will operate on their reduced Storm Schedules. PDF Storm Schedules can be found on [each individual Commuter Rail line webpage](#). All ferry services will be suspended today. Paratransit users (the RIDE) should expect delays in service due to road conditions.

- *Subway, Bus, and Commuter Rail are operating on a reduced schedule.*
- *All Ferry service has been cancelled for Monday.*

#### Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is advising travelers that snowfall is expected to impact travel in many regions of the state. Travelers should allow for extra travel time and check forecasts for their routes and destinations. With significant snowfall amounts forecast, MassDOT crews have been treating roadways and will continue to deploy staff. There are over 3,000 pieces of equipment available for deployment across the Commonwealth as needed.

Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com) to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Follow [@MassDOT](https://twitter.com/MassDOT) on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.
- Check local guidance. Many municipalities, including Boston, have issued parking bans.
- *All districts are engaged in snow and ice operations, and storm desks are activated.*
- *Due to the weather the HOV lane will not open today.*
- *Restrictions:*
  - *Statewide: Truck Travel Restrictions implemented on Interstate Highways until further notice. Restrictions include box trucks, Tracker Trailers (TTs), Tandems and special permit trucks. Deliveries of food, fuel and medical supplies will not be subject to restrictions.*
  - *Statewide: I-90-EB/WB: Speed Limit Reduced to 40 MPH from NY border, all the way to Logan Airport, Boston.*
- *2616 Pieces of equipment and 738 MassDOT employees deployed across the state.*

#### **MassDOT Aero**

- *Plymouth Airport is without power.*

#### **Massport**

- *Back Bay Logan Express is cancelled for today.*
- *Many airlines have canceled operations for today. Passengers should check with their airline before heading to the airport.*

#### **Steamship Authority**

- *All Steam Ship Authority trips are canceled for Monday*

#### **FAA**

*The following airports are closed:*

- *Worcester Regional*
- *New Bedford Regional*
- *Barnstable Municipal*
- *Martha's Vinyard*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Nantucket Memorial</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>ESF 2: Communications</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Commonwealth of MA - CoMIRS Statewide Radio System Status - 02/23/2026 06:30</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Busies</a></u>  <i>Cape Busies - 64 between 05:45-06:25 - Some adjacent site traffic removed to lessen load</i></p> <p><u><a href="#">Off Air (No Generator + Power Outage and/or Backhaul Outage)</a></u>  <i>04:18 Wellfleet</i></p> <p><u><a href="#">Bouncing (Power and/or Backhaul Interruptions)</a></u>  <i>Barnstable Sheriff Dispatch Comcast Connection  Attleboro</i></p> <p><u><a href="#">Generators Running</a></u>  <i>04:42 Brewster / Orleans  05:39 Bourne  06:13 Hanson</i></p> <p><i>No unmet needs or requests.  Statewide radio system (CoMIRS 800Mhz) current operational status as of 0630am today:</i></p>
<p><b>ESF 3: Public Works and Engineering</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)</b></p> <p>The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is monitoring the forecast and utilizing its snow removal equipment for the agency's parkways, sidewalks, and properties. The agency has activated its statewide storm center.</p> <p>DCR has implemented parking bans for agency-managed roadways and designated MassDOT-managed roadways. The bans are in alignment with the municipalities where the affected DCR- and MassDOT-managed roadways are located.</p> <p>All parking bans on DCR parkways apply to <b>both sides</b> of the road. Vehicles parked in these areas during an active snow emergency will be ticketed and towed. If there is a parking ban in place in your municipality, please avoid parking on public streets to allow municipal and state plows to safely clear the roads.</p> <p>On Sunday, DCR closed Winthrop Parkway between Endicott Avenue and BROADSOUND AVENUE in the City of Revere. The closure of the Shore Beach floodgate is necessary to mitigate storm surge. Traffic patterns will be clearly marked, and DCR personnel will be on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Parkways are wet and slush covered. Priority 1 pedestrian routes will continue to be maintained during high rates of snowfall. West and Central Region Staff are reporting steady snow with increasing winds, and will continue clearing facilities, park roads and parking lots.</i></li> <li>• <i>Minor splashover reported at Nantasket Beach in Hull, and along Lynn Shore Dr. in Nahant. No issues were reported.</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Minor flooding and splashover reported at Short Beach along Winthrop Parkway in Revere. Staff worked at clearing debris from storm drains. A section of Winthrop Parkway along Short Beach at the Winthrop town line was briefly closed due to flooding. All lanes are now open from the Winthrop line to the flood gate closure.</i></li> <li>• <i>Minor flooding and splashover reported along Morrissey Blvd in Dorchester caused northbound lane closures from Freeport St. to UMass Boston overnight. Extremely high winds reported. All lanes are currently open.</i></li> <li>• <i>Soldier’s Field Rd abutter pedestrian route just past the Doubletree Hotel was reported as needing repair. DCR Staff observed significant wear and damage to the concrete. DCR Engineering will be notified of the hazard.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Parking Bans</b>  <i>DCR may implement parking bans for agency-managed roadways and designated Department of Transportation (DOT) managed roadways due to the pending winter storm event. The timing of parking bans on DCR and DOT roadways will be consistent with local municipal bans; please refer to local parking ban announcements. All parking bans on these roadways will apply to both sides of the road.</i></p> <p><i>Towns and Cities with DCR Roadways currently posted, as of 1:30 PM Sunday, February 22, 2026:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Boston 2:00 PM 2/22 – tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Braintree 3:00 PM 2/22 – tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Brookline 9:00 PM 2/22 - tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Cambridge 9:00 AM 2/22 – tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Lexington 8:00 PM 2/22 – tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Lynn 6:00 PM 2/22 - tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Malden 3:00 PM 2/22 – tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Medford 5:00 PM 2/22 – tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Nahant 8:00 PM 2/22 – tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Newton – 5:00 PM 2/22 - tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Quincy 12:00PM 2/22 – tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Revere 5:00 PM 2/22 - tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Somerville 12:00 PM 2/22 – tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Waltham 8:00 PM 2/22 – tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Watertown 6:00 PM 2/22 – tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Winchester 8:00 PM 2/22 - tad</i></li> <li>• <i>Winthrop 8:00PM 2/22 – tad</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>ESF 12: Energy</b></p>	<p><b><u>Situation:</u></b>  <i>Eversource has declared a Type 3 ERP event as of 6pm Sunday. National Grid declared a Type 3 ERP event as of 10pm Sunday. Unutil has declared a Type 4 ERP event. The DPU has developed a staffing plan for storm response. Additionally, at the request of MEMA, the DPU will provide in-person support at the SEOC starting at 7AM today.</i></p> <p><i>It should be noted that this expected to be a slow-moving storm and it may take crews extra time to get around to the damage due to travel and potential blizzard conditions. Additionally, the level of winds anticipated will present challenges for bucket trucks. This is expected to be a multi-day restoration event.</i></p>

**ESF-12 plans and preparations:**

**Eversource:**

***Electric:***

- *Declaring a Type 3 ERP (Emergency) event as of 6:00 PM Sunday (02/21/26);*
- *Restoration activities are typically accomplished within 3-5 days*
  - *Typically, between 5-15% (70,000 - 210,000) customer interruptions at peak.*
- *EOCs opened*
  - *10 pm Sunday*
    - *Yarmouth*
  - *6am Monday*
    - *Boston;*
    - *Southborough*
    - *New Bedford; and*
    - *Springfield.*
- *Secured additional external crews, including crews from Canada;*
- *Eversource will provide a dedicated Community Liaison to the Barnstable County MACC*
- *Pre-staging additional line and tree crews on Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and areas expected to receive the greatest impact on Sunday (02/22/26);*
- *Eversource Community Relations has notified Municipal Officials about storm monitoring and ERP declaration; and*
- *Eversource provided pre-storm communications to all customers in their preferred method (email, text, phone call) to ensure all customers are prepared including medically coded customers.*

***Gas:***

- *Declared a Level 5 ERP event as of 6:00PM on February 22, 2026.*
  - *A level 5 Gas Event is considered a minor event, expected to impact 10 or fewer customers for eight hours or less*
- *The Eversource Gas Incident Management Team met to prepare for the forecasted winter storm expected Sunday evening into Monday.*
- *Planning is focused on staffing plans over the weekend and ensuring adequate crew availability given potential travel difficulties Monday morning.*
- *Additional calls are scheduled through the weekend and into early next week*

**National Grid:**

***Electric:***

- *Declared a Type 3 ERP (Emergency) event as of 10:00PM Sunday*
- *Restoration activities are typically accomplished within a 72-hour period*
  - *Typically, up to 10% (approximately 0-130,000) customer interruptions at peak.*
- *Storm rooms opened as of 10:00PM Sunday. Municipal rooms will open concurrent with storm rooms.*
  - *Brockton*
  - *Hopedale*
  - *Malden*
  - *North Andover*
  - *Worcester*

- Additional line crews and tree crews have arrived on Nantucket;
  - Crews staged nearby the Hull 1 and Hull 2 lines.
  - Communication and engagement with municipalities and emergency management directors will be ongoing during the event.
  - Community liaisons will be activated as needed
  - Placing outbound calls to life support and critical facility customers Saturday (02/21/26);
  - Prepared to respond to outages, and adjust preparations as needed
  - Continuously monitoring all National Grid infrastructure for risk of flooding; and
  - Secured additional external crews, and adjusting internal staffing.
- Gas:
- National Grid gas system is operating normally, and National Grid will monitor their system closely to identify any abnormal operational conditions should they arise.

**Until:**

- Declaring a Type 4 ERP (Upgraded non-Emergency) event as of Sunday
- Restoration activities are typically accomplished within the same operational period
  - Typically, between 2-5% (approximately 600-1,500) customer interruptions at peak.
- Will open its Regional Emergency Operations Centers Monday morning
- Formal communications to customers (including Life Support Customers), Municipal and Regulatory Officials regarding the storm will also be made prior to the storm's arrival.
- Monitoring the weather forecast; and
- Prepared to respond to outages, and adjust preparations as needed.

**Health and Human Services Branch**



 Mass Care	 Volunteers/ Donations	 Health/ Medical	 Animals/ Agriculture
Mass Care <i>Green</i>	Volunteers/Donations <i>Grey</i>	Health/Medical <i>Green</i>	Animals/Agriculture <i>Grey</i>

**ESF 6: Mass Care Mass Care, Emergency Housing, and Human Services**

**American Red Cross (ARC) Status:**  
*The American Red Cross remains fully activated in response to the ongoing weather impacts. ARC is currently operating under a ground stop that went into effect at 2200 hrs. yesterday evening due to hazardous travel conditions.*

*The ground stop is projected to be lifted Tuesday morning pending improved conditions.*

**Sheltering Operations:**  
*ARC has shelter responders pre-positioned and active at the following locations to support potential displacement needs:*

- Barnstable Intermediate School*
- Plymouth North High School*
- Weymouth High School*

*Shelter staffing is in place and prepared for rapid intake should conditions deteriorate or evacuations be required.*

**Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Coordination:**  
*ARC personnel are currently embedded and supporting coordination efforts at the following locations:*

- State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)*
- Plymouth EOC*
- Barnstable MACC*

**Overall:**  
*Mass care resources are pre-positioned and prepared to scale following the anticipated lift of the ground stop. No shelter populations are reported at this time. ARC remains in close coordination with MEMA and local partners to monitor impacts and prepare for emerging mass care needs.*

**ESF 8: Public Health and Medical Services**

**Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH):**  
 The Commissioner of the Department of Public Health has issued an alternate destination transport waiver to facilitate transportation of individuals who have contacted the 911 system only to access transportation to an alternate destination, such as an American Red Cross (or similar) shelter, in response to the current weather conditions and any potential for power outages. This waiver is in effect from 17:00 February 22, 2026 until 10:00 February 24, 2026.

*DPH has hospitals, nursing facilities, and community health centers reporting twice daily to support situational awareness.*

**Operations Support Branch**

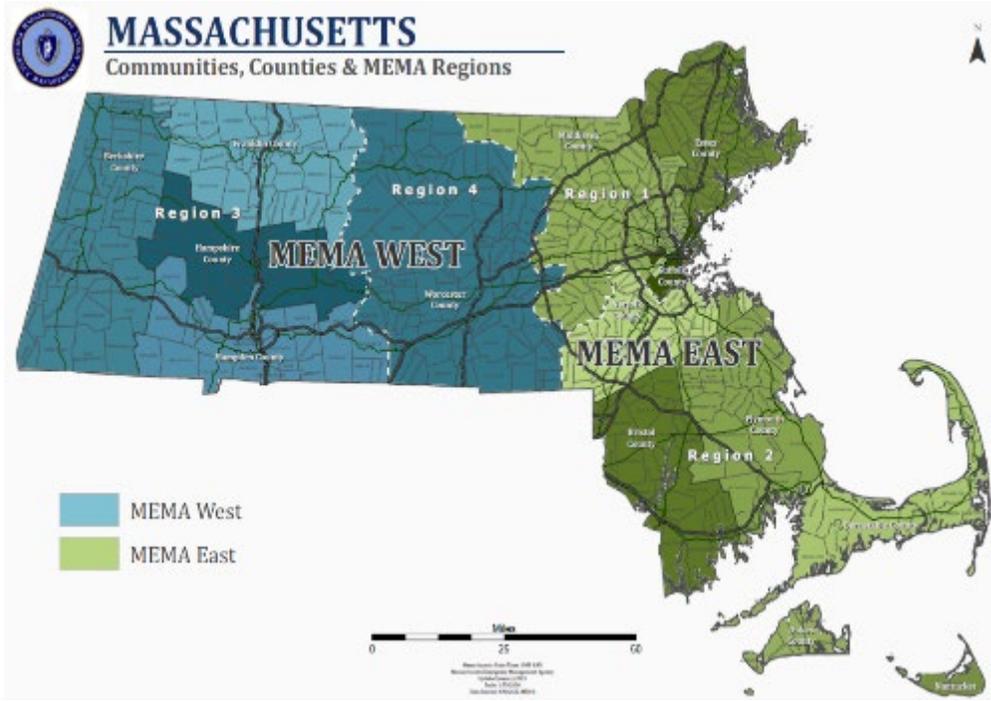


Operations Support

 Business/ Industry	 Hazardous Materials	 Military
Business / Industry	Hazardous Materials	Military
Grey	Green	Green

<b>ESF 10: Hazardous Materials and Environmental Protection</b>	<p><b>MassDEP</b>  <i>Snow Disposal Guidance has been issued:</i></p> <p><i>Link to the MassDEP Snow Disposal Guidance: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/guides/snow-disposal-guidance">https://www.mass.gov/guides/snow-disposal-guidance</a></i></p>
<b>ESF 16: Military Support</b>	<p><b>Massachusetts National Guard (MANG)</b>  <i>MANG has deployed four high-clearance rescue vehicles to Weymouth, Marshfield, Quincy, and Brookline.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, MANG has deployed four high clearance vehicles to support MSP operations in Southeast MA.</i></p>

<b>State Resource Mission Assignments</b>	
<b>Current Resource Mission Assignments</b>	
<p><i>Eight High Clearance Rescue vehicles deployed to support MSP barracks (4), Weymouth, Marshfield, Quincy, and Brookline.</i></p>	
<p><i>One Generator requested by MSP to support a radio tower site on Cape Cod is In Progress.</i></p>	
<p><i>ESF-2 has supported coordination between Comcast and the City of New Bedford regarding an internet outage.</i></p>	
<p><i>ESF-10 has supported coordination on snow disposal guidance with the City of Somerville.</i></p>	

<b>MEMA Region Summaries</b>		
 <p><b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>  Communities, Counties &amp; MEMA Regions</p> <p>MEMA West (Regions 3 &amp; 4) is shown in blue. MEMA East (Regions 1 &amp; 2) is shown in green.</p>		
<b>MEMA East (Regions 1 &amp; 2)</b>	<b>Critical Issues</b>	<p>MEMA East:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None at this time.</li> </ul>
	<b>Unmet Needs</b>	<p>MEMA East :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High water vehicles deployed for Weymouth, Marshfield, Quincy, and Brookline</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Somerville requesting location for snow disposal or snow melting equipment</i></li> <li><i>New Bedford being supporting with connection to Comcast for internet outage</i></li> </ul>
<b>MEMA West (Regions 3 &amp; 4)</b>	Critical Issues	<b>MEMA West:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>None at this time.</i></li> </ul>
	Unmet Needs	<b>MEMA West:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>None at this time.</i></li> </ul>

**Municipal Information**

Municipal EOC Activations (as reported to the SEOC): **13**

*WORCESTER COUNTY*  
*Worcester*  
*Webster*

*BARNSTABLE COUNTY*  
*Sandwich*

*MIDDLESEX COUNTY*  
*Somerville*  
*Newton*

*ESSEX COUNTY*  
*Nahant*  
*Gloucester*

*NORFOLK COUNTY*  
*Plainville*  
*Brookline*

*PLYMOUTH COUNTY*  
*Wareham*

*MIDDLESEX COUNTY*  
*Stow*  
*Framingham*

*BRISTOL*  
*Fairhaven*

Municipal Declaration of State of Emergency (as reported to the SEOC): **10**

*WORCESTER COUNTY*  
*Worcester*  
*Webster*

*ESSEX COUNTY*  
*Gloucester*  
*Merrimac*

*NORFOLK COUNTY*

Brookline  
Weymouth

BRISTOL COUNTY  
New Bedford

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY  
Northampton

PLYMOUTH COUNTY  
Brockton  
Wareham

Municipal/ Regional Emergency Shelters Activated (as reported to the SEOC): 11

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY  
Northampton

MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
Sommerville

PLYMOUTH COUNTY  
Wareham

NORFOLK COUNTY  
Brookline

## Demobilization

*The SEOC will remain activated until 1900 unless continued support is needed.*

## Preparedness and Safety Information

- Safety and preparedness tips for nor'easters and coastal storms: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/noreaster-coastal-storm-safety-tips>
- Safety and preparedness tips for extreme cold: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/extreme-cold-safety-tips>
- Winter storm preparedness and safety information: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/winter-storm-safety-tips>
- Safe winter driving tips: <https://www.mass.gov/winter-weather-driving>
- Winter safety tips for pets: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/winter-pet-safety-tips>
- Power outage preparedness and safety information: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/power-outage-safety-tips>
- Preparedness and safety tips for thunderstorms and lightning: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/thunderstorm-and-lightning-safety-tips>
- Flood safety tips: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/flood-safety-tips>
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## Stay Informed

For additional information and updated forecasts, see [www.weather.gov/boston](http://www.weather.gov/boston) (National Weather Service Norton) and [www.weather.gov/albany](http://www.weather.gov/albany) (National Weather Service Albany)

Utilize MEMA's real-time power outage viewer to stay informed about current power outages in your community and region, and across the state, including information from utility companies about restoration times: <http://mema.mapsonline.net/public.html>

#### Online Resources

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency at [www.mass.gov/mema](http://www.mass.gov/mema)

MEMA's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA>

MEMA Twitter: [@MassEMA](https://twitter.com/MassEMA)

Federal Emergency Management Agency at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

National Weather Service Boston/ Norton, MA at [www.weather.gov/boston](http://www.weather.gov/boston)

National Weather Service/Albany, NY at [www.weather.gov/albany](http://www.weather.gov/albany)

National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center: [www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/](http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/)

National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center: [www.spc.noaa.gov/](http://www.spc.noaa.gov/)

Northeast River Forecast Center: [www.weather.gov/nerfc/](http://www.weather.gov/nerfc/)

National Hurricane Center: [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)

Mass211 at [www.mass211.org](http://www.mass211.org)



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