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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CITY OF RYE PREPARES FOR WINTER STORM

BLIZZARD WARNING IN EFFECT FROM 1 PM SUNDAY TO 6 PM EST MONDAY

RYE, NY (February 21, 2026) The City of Rye is preparing for a significant winter storm expected to impact the region beginning Sunday, February 22, and continuing into Monday, February 23. The National Weather Service has issued a Blizzard Warning for portions of southeast New York - including Westchester County - due to forecasted snow accumulations, wind gusting as high as 60mph, and hazardous travel conditions.

“We are closely monitoring National Weather Service forecasts and have activated enhanced staffing across our essential departments. We are ready,” said City Manager Brian Shea. “We strongly encourage residents to make the necessary preparations for themselves and their families now, as this could be a significant storm.”

Senior staff will be working around the clock through the completion of the storm to coordinate response efforts.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- **Winter Storm Watch in Effect:** Sunday early afternoon through Monday evening.
- **Snowfall Forecast:** Snow accumulations could range from 15 to 20 inches, with higher amounts possible.
- **Hazardous Conditions:** Blizzard conditions including snow-covered roads, reduced visibility, and blowing/drifting snow are possible. Delays to travel, transit, and services should be anticipated. Travel should be restricted to emergencies only.

CITY SERVICES

- **City Buildings:** To encourage residents to stay off the roads, City buildings, including City Hall and Rye Recreation, will be closed to the public on Monday, February 23rd.
- **Recreation Programs Suspended:** All recreation programming is suspended on Sunday, February 22 and Monday, February 23.

RESIDENT REMINDERS & SAFETY

Residents are reminded to:

- **Avoid travel** if possible, during the storm.





- **Move vehicles off streets** to help DPW crews clear roads efficiently and keep roadways open for Police, Fire, and EMS.
- **Prepare winter emergency supplies** (food, water, medications, flashlights, batteries, blankets).
- **Clear sidewalks adjacent to property** within 24 hours of the end of snow accumulation, per City code. DO NOT shovel or push snow into roadways.
- **If you experience a power outage:** Call Con Edison immediately to report any outages at 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633). Customers can also report power interruptions or service problems as well as view service restoration information online at www.conEd.com

COMMUNICATIONS

- The City encourages residents to sign up for Rye emergency alerts through CodeRED and monitor updates through official City of Rye communication channels, including the City website and on Facebook and Instagram.
 - <https://www.ryeny.gov/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/RYEED/>
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