



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**NEWS**

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**\*\*Winter Weather Congestion Alert\*\***

**NJDOT recommends avoiding unnecessary travel during  
upcoming snow storm  
Clear the roads so crews can clear the roads**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today issued a **Winter Weather Congestion Alert** based on the forecast for heavy snow tomorrow, Wednesday, December 16 which may result in difficult driving conditions. Winter weather is expected to begin in the southern region of the state in the morning and move northward.

NJDOT will be deploying the necessary resources in advance of the storm and is coordinating its response with the NJ State Police, NJ Transit and the toll road authorities to ensure the best response for New Jerseyans.

In order for NJDOT and our regional and local transportation partners to safely and efficiently clear highways of snow, motorists are encouraged to **Clear the Roads so We Can Clear the Roads.**

The Department and our transportation and law enforcement partners are recommending motorists:

- Avoid unnecessary travel during the storm
  - Plan to work from home if that is an option
  - If you are driving, plan extra travel time
  - If you are driving and road conditions deteriorate, PULL OFF somewhere safe and wait it out
  - Obey posted speed limits
  - Always STAY CLEAR of plowing and spreading trucks. If they are behind you, let them pass
  - DO NOT pass between trucks that are in a plow formation
  - Be patient and use caution
  - Keep an emergency kit in your car with a cell phone charger, water, snacks and other items.
- See the NJ Office of Emergency Managements web site for more information:

<http://ready.nj.gov/plan-prepare/winter.shtml>

NJDOT will be using Variable Message Signs throughout the storm to provide updates. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website [www.511nj.org](http://www.511nj.org) for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news and updates follow us on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#) or on Twitter [@NJDOT\\_info](#).

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