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**NEWS**

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## **Winter Weather Congestion Alert**

### **Use caution when driving on Thursday morning Winter weather expected to affect the morning commute**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today issued a **Winter Weather Congestion Alert** for tomorrow morning's commute based on the forecast for freezing rain and snow beginning tonight throughout New Jersey.

A wintry mix of rain and sleet is expected to begin tonight, Wednesday, January 19, before changing over to snow tomorrow morning, Thursday, January 20. The storm may result in treacherous driving conditions for the morning commute.

**Motorists should consider working from home if that is an option. If you have to drive, slow down, use caution and plan extra travel time, particularly during the Thursday morning commute as roads may be slippery.**

NJDOT is ready and will be deploying the necessary resources in advance of the storm. The Department is coordinating with the NJ State Police and other transportation agencies to ensure the most effective response to the weather.

In order for NJDOT and our regional and local transportation partners to safely and efficiently clear roadways of snow and ice, motorists should avoid unnecessary travel. If you must drive, motorists are advised to:

- **SLOW DOWN**
- 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
- Allow extra travel time
- Leave a safe following distance between vehicles
- Use caution on bridges and ramps, which freeze before road surfaces
- If you are driving and road conditions deteriorate, PULL OFF somewhere safe and wait it out
- Be patient and use caution
- Keep an emergency kit in your car with a cell phone charger, water, snacks, a blanket, 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 [@NewJerseyDOT](#).

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