



Township of South Orange Village
Office of Emergency Management
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Update #6 – December 17, 2020, 8:00 am

A [State of Emergency](#) was declared in South Orange on 12/16/20 at 12:00 pm.

Please check the website for updated information throughout the storm.

Weather Forecast:

Thursday

Snow showers this morning. Becoming partly cloudy later. High 31F. Winds N at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 80%. Snow accumulations less than one inch.

Thursday Evening

Partly cloudy skies early will give way to cloudy skies late. Low 18F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.

A Winter Storm Watch is in effect from the National Weather Service (NWS) until Thursday afternoon.

- WHY... Heavy snow. Total snow accumulations of 12 to 16 inches. Winds gusting as high as 45 mph.
- WHERE... Portions of northeast New Jersey, southern Connecticut and southeast New York.
- WHEN... Until 1 PM EST Thursday.
- IMPACTS... Travel could be very difficult to impossible. The hazardous conditions could impact the morning or evening commute.

Emergency Alerts and Non-Emergency Notifications:

The Village's Alerts & Notifications system allows residents to subscribe to our notification service for all levels of Emergency Alerts as well as subscribe to specific non-emergency Notifications covering a variety of Village services and topics. Please update and check your subscription to ensure that you are getting all requested notifications.

<http://www.southorange.org/610/SO-Alerts>

Emergency Protocols:

Wednesday night into Thursday travel is highly discouraged. If you have an on-street parking permit, please move your vehicle to the nearest municipal lot (preferred lot during a snow event is the Third and Valley Garage levels 4 and 5). **On-street parking has been suspended until further notice.**

If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home, please keep it clearly visible and accessible as it could save your home – or even your life.

Residents are required to clear snow as best as possible from their sidewalks within 12 daylight hours following snowfall. Do not shovel snow into roadways, as it puts emergency vehicles in danger. Please be careful when shoveling and take frequent breaks.

Shoveling snow into the street is prohibited and will result in the issuance of a summons which will require a court appearance and fine.

Please do not stretch extension cords across roadways as it creates an unsafe condition for you and our emergency personnel.

Municipal Offices:

The Municipal Office will remain closed to the public because of COVID-19 though will continue Village services virtually throughout the storm.

Third party reporting:

Please report any power outages to PSEG at: 1-800-436-PSEG (7734)

You can view the PSEG outage map:

<http://outagecenter.pseg.com/external/default.html>

Additional information:

If there are power outages, the Village asks all residents and neighborhood associations and groups to do their best to check on any residents that may be elderly or have special needs.

Non-emergency information and requests for service can be submitted via Report a Concern at <http://www.southorange.org/597/SO-Connect> or by downloading the app GovAlert on your mobile phone. Understand non high priority requests may not be responded to immediately.

Due to current weather conditions use great caution while driving Thursday morning as there may be icy conditions.

Due to the anticipated snowfall, recycling collection for the West Side has been postponed until Monday, 12/21. As of now, recycling collection for the East Side will remain on schedule for Friday, 12/18.

Be prepared in a winter storm! Head to southorange.org [for some helpful tips](#).