



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **Niagara-on-the-Lake Prepares for Winter Storm**

**For Immediate Release**

**December 22, 2022**

Environment Canada has issued a special weather statement stating that the Niagara Region may be subject to a significant winter storm beginning the evening of Thursday, December 22, into the holiday weekend.

Rain is expected overnight on Thursday, followed by extremely low temperatures on Friday morning. This change in temperature is anticipated to result in a flash freeze for locations that receive rainfall. There is also potential for strong and damaging winds and snow, creating possible blizzard conditions late Friday and into the weekend.

As a result of these poor weather conditions, Environment Canada is suggesting that alternative plans be made throughout the holiday weekend as travel conditions may become dangerous. Additionally, Public Safety Canada is encouraging everyone to make an emergency plan and ensure an emergency kit is on hand.

Town Staff is working diligently to prepare for this storm and is well-equipped to respond as needed. Crews will be out sanding in advance of the expected ice and will respond to snowfall as required. Keeping the roads safe and available for travel is a top priority for Staff, and crews will remain dedicated to this objective leading into and throughout the holiday weekend.

For more information about emergency plans and kits, please visit [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca).

Residents are asked to please continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environmental Canada at <https://weather.gc.ca/>.

The following are a few reminders for residents before the arrival of a winter storm:

### **Special Weather To-Do List**

- Drive with caution and only travel if necessary
- Move parked cars off of the street to help with sanding and snow removal efforts
- Make an emergency plan and get a first-aid kit



- Familiarize yourself with the Town's [new interactive snowplow tracking software](#) to stay updated on snow removal services through real-time updates

## **Holiday Hours**

A reminder that the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Administrative Offices are closed for the holidays from 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 23, 2022, until 8:30 am. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Any emergency matters relating to roads, water, wastewater, or enforcement can be reported using the after-hours phone line at 905-682-2704. For any after-hours emergency relating to animal control, please call 905-682-0767 ext. 0.

For more information about the Town's winter weather procedures, please visit [www.notl.com/town-services/roads-infrastructure/snow-procedures](http://www.notl.com/town-services/roads-infrastructure/snow-procedures).

*For immediate alerts during the winter storm, follow the Town on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**.*

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