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[Unsubscribe](#)**Karen West**

Posted 24 days ago.

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The area in which I live - south of Boston, MA, USA, is expected 20-30+ inches of snow today, but that will not be starting until later tonight. I don't know what to expect from it but usually it's no problem here as long as you are prepared for it. The only disruption would be a power outage which has really only affected us during hurricanes in recent years.

I told my team and likely it won't cause power outage type disruption. Also, my 9 year old has been sick since Thurs! When it rains it pours so the saying goes. ;-)

Here is the current report!

The Timing of the Storm Light snow will begin during the late afternoon commute Monday with 1 to 2 inches in Boston, Worcester and Springfield. A forecasted 12 to 18 inches will fall in a 9-hour period from 1 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesday morning, falling at a rate of 2 or more inches per hour. Thunderstorms will also occur in this time window. Snow, with varying intensities will continue through Tuesday night, lasting until daybreak Wednesday morning, which could potentially bring an additional 10 inches of snow in areas. Current Snowfall Totals Expected 20 inches across the state of Massachusetts Some areas will see 30+ inches Cape and Martha's Vineyard will see 12+ inches

Cities and towns across the state are preparing for the storm. Be sure to check your individual city or town for information on parking bans.

BOSTON —Massachusetts will experience a severe and potentially historic storm Monday afternoon through Wednesday morning, complete with snow measured in feet, damaging winds, and serious coastal flooding.

Snowfall amounts of 2 to 3 feet are possible in eastern and central Massachusetts, with more than a foot of snow on the Cape and Martha's Vineyard from the storm.

"One of the things that will be making this such a problem is the duration of the event," said Alan Dunham, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Taunton, Massachusetts. "Usually they are out in 18 hours, but you are looking at 24 hours plus for this storm."

Here is the timing from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

Light snow will impact the late afternoon commute on Monday with 1 to 2 inches in Boston, Worcester and Springfield.

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For coastal residents, the greatest impact will be during the Tuesday morning high tide (4 to 5 a.m.), with anticipated flooding of shoreline roads, damage to vulnerable structures and significant beach erosion.

The Tuesday afternoon high tide, while not as high as the morning high tide, is also expected to bring moderate flooding and beach erosion.

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[Paulo Machado](#) (Mentor)



Posted 24 days ago.

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Stay safe!

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Karen West 24 days ago.

Thanks! We're ready for it I think so unless we lose power hopefully nothing will go wrong. The kids schools are closed, my husband's university is closed, they are keeping people off the roads as much as possible so their crews can clear it. So if we don't lose power I don't think there should be too much disruption - we'll see!

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Adrian Tymes

Posted 23 days ago.

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Business idea! Transport all that snow over to the Rocky Mountains, where it will melt and the runoff can cure the current drought in many Western states.

If only that were anywhere near cost-effective.

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simon Laing

Posted 3 days ago.

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I have family in the boston area. It does truly seems like a severe storm. They say the snow precipitation in more than some parts of Alaska this year.

good luck,

Simon Laing

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**Waleed Dirani** (Mentor)

Posted 3 days ago.

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Yes it looks this winter is very "tough" !

Stay Safe !

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**Karen West** 2 days ago.

That post was from 22 days ago. Since that post, which dumped 1-2 feet of snow, we've had many more. This past weekend, when we got another 1.5 feet of snow, we already had 6 feet of snow on the ground. I've never seen so much snow in 3 weeks time in all my 50 years! My kids missed 6 days of school and would have missed yesterday too except that it's Feb. vacation week. I lost 4 pounds (a good thing!) last week shoveling among other things. My kids have to go to school now until June 29th to make up time lost. People are having issues with the roof of their house and you have to get it off or may suffer leaks and the cost to fix broken roofs much higher than the complaint I've heard on the cost of hiring people to get it off. I grew up doing winter sports although not in recent years--loved to ski, ice skate, sled, even tried snow boarding but too hard for me!, cross country skiing, etc. So I used to appreciate snow sports but even those that are able to do them even though I can't at the moment are a bit overwhelmed with it all. I was so out of breath this past weekend after the most recent shoveling. And the wind chills are below zero right now. The pipes to my laundry room face the garage that has no heat, and they are frozen, and my washing machine refuses to run (the rest of the house is fine though, no frozen pipes). So the weather has been a bit extreme this year for winter. Boston broke all former records in 3 weeks time for entire winters of snow accumulations. Our FicRec team mentor lives in Hawaii, and I'm not sure he has seen snow before, but I told him about it yesterday. I was so careless this weekend, that although we submitted our team OAP project, I missed the deadlines (thought they were different than what they were - careless mistake!) for doing

other teams evaluations of their customer interviews and low-fidelity prototypes which we never did before, and asked for a possible extension, since I felt terrible that some teams may get a "no comment" evaluation from our team. Anyway, here's hoping the melt down to come of the snow, is gradual rather than sudden, or otherwise we will also be dealing with floods! I've never seen so much snow in 3 weeks time in all my time on this earth! ;-)

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