

National Weather Service Issues 'Special Weather Statement' About the Cold

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The National Weather Service issued this regional "[Special Weather Statement](#)" Saturday morning along with a "[Wind Chill Warning](#)."

The statement lists various dangers in unusually frigid weather for people, pets, houses and cars. Some of it is obvious, but even that is worth remembering. Please don't get distracted, and pay attention: It's different out there.

Here's the statement, followed by the Darien-specific weather forecast from the National Weather Service:

435 AM EST SAT FEB 13 2016 ...DANGEROUSLY COLD WIND CHILLS TONIGHT INTO SUNDAY MORNING... * TEMPERATURES TONIGHT INTO EARLY SUNDAY MORNING WILL FALL TO ZERO TO 3 DEGREES BELOW ZERO IN AND AROUND THE NEW YORK CI

TY AND NEW JERSEY METRO...AND LONG ISLAND...AND COASTAL CONNECTICUT. TEMPS WILL FALL TO 5 TO 10 DEGREES BELOW ACROSS INTERIOR PORTIONS OF NORTHEAST NEW JERSEY...THE LOWER HUDSON VALLEY...AND SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT. WIND CHILL VALUES DURING THIS TIME ARE EXPECTED TO REACH LIFE THREATENING LEVELS AS COLD AS 20 TO 30 DEGREES BELOW ZERO. * HIGH TEMPERATURES ON SUNDAY WILL ONLY BE IN THE TEENS...WITH WIND CHILLS LIKELY NOT RISING ABOVE ZERO UNTIL MID TO LATE AFTERNOON. * COLD SPELLS OF THIS MAGNITUDE BRING A RISK OF FROSTBITE AND HYPOTHERMIA FOR ANYONE WHO DOES NOT TAKE PROPER PRECAUTIONS. IN ADDITION...FROZEN PIPES AND OVERWORKED FURNACES COULD LEAVE YOUR HOUSE WITHOUT HEAT OR RUNNING WATER...AND CAR BATTERIES RUN THE RISK OF DYING. * NEVER VENTURE OUTDOORS WITHOUT WEARING GLOVES...A HAT AND SEVERAL LAYERS OF CLOTHING. WIND CHILL VALUES LATE SATURDAY NIGHT INTO SUNDAY MORNING COULD LEAD TO FROSTBITE IN LESS THAN 30 MINUTES IF PROPER PRECAUTIONS ARE NOT TAKEN.

* RUN WATER AT A TRICKLE AND KEEP CABINET DOORS OPEN TO PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING. * NEVER USE A STOVE OR OVEN TO HEAT YOUR HOME OR USE AN OPEN FLAME TO MELT FROZEN PIPES. MANY HOUSE FIRES RESULT FROM THESE PRACTICES. * CHECK TIRE PRESSURE AND YOUR CAR BATTERY. BE SURE YOUR CAR HAS A WINTER SAFETY KIT THAT INCLUDES A BLANKET...WARM CLOTHES AND GLOVES IN CASE YOUR CAR BREAKS DOWN OR BECOMES STRANDED. * TAKE EXTRA STEPS TO KEEP YOUR PETS WARM AND KNOW THEIR LIMITS TO COLD.

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The [weather forecast for Darien](#), as of 3:56 p.m.:

This Afternoon

Partly sunny and cold, with a steady temperature around 15. Wind chill values between -5 and zero. Blustery, with a northwest wind around 24 mph, with gusts as high as 41 mph.

Tonight

Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming clear, with a low around 0. Wind chill values between -10 and -20. Blustery, with a northwest wind 17 to 23 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Sunday

Sunny and cold, with a high near 15. Wind chill values between -10 and -20. Northwest wind 10 to 16 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph.

Sunday Night

Increasing clouds, with a low around 8. Wind chill values between zero and 5. Northwest wind 5 to 7 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Washington's Birthday

Snow, mainly after 3pm. High near 34. Calm wind becoming southeast 5 to 9 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Monday Night

Snow before 9pm, then rain. Temperature rising to around 45 by 4am. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Tuesday

Rain. High near 49. Chance of precipitation is 80%.