

Snowstorm to Hit New England, Long Island Hard Into Monday Evening

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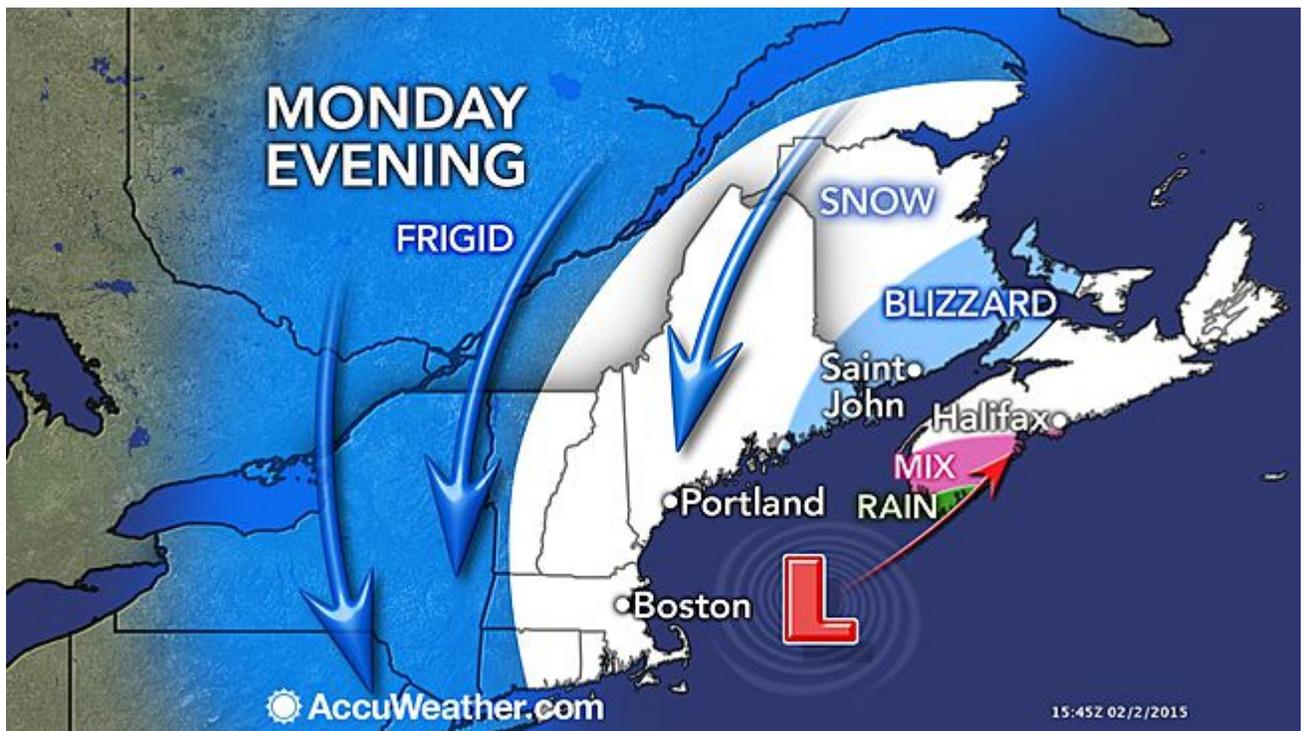
A storm is finishing up its wintry task in the Northeast on Groundhog Day, causing major travel delays and disruptions to daily activities.

Close to 100 million people have been hit with accumulating snow or enough wintry mix to make for slippery roads from the storm. The storm has delivered 12-18 inches of snow from Chicago to Detroit and ranks as some of the biggest snowstorms on record in these cities.

The strengthening storm is packing plenty of moisture from the Pacific Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. The result has been a swath of heavy snow from the Midwest to southern New England thus far. Heavy snow will spread into part of northern New England into Monday afternoon.

Accumulations along the lines of 6 to 12 inches are expected from eastern upstate New York, to Boston with some areas picking up 18 inches in part of New England.

The storm has caused thousands of flight delays and cancellations. Some of the crews and aircraft displaced during the storm will have a ripple effect across the country early this week.



Cities from Islip, New York, to Hartford, Connecticut; Providence, Rhode Island; Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Portland, Maine, and Boston will receive heavy snow into Monday evening and similar to the areas farther west in the Midwest, enough snow to shovel and plow is forecast.

Some sleet and freezing rain will mix in along the southern New England coast at the height of the storm and has prevented an unmanageable snowfall in New York City.

However, the weight of rain and ice on top of the snow has made shoveling difficult in some communities. Long Island and part of the south coast of New England will have a change back to snow from west to east at the tail end of the storm into Monday evening.

Travel throughout the I-80 corridor in Pennsylvania and New Jersey has been slippery with reduced speed limits in some areas during the first part of the storm.

Motorists should expect slippery and dangerous along the Massachusetts Turnpike, the New York Thruway, as well as I-84, I-91, I-93 and I-95 in New England.



From near New York City to southern New England, there are still huge piles of snow left in the wake of the snowfall from last Monday's storm.

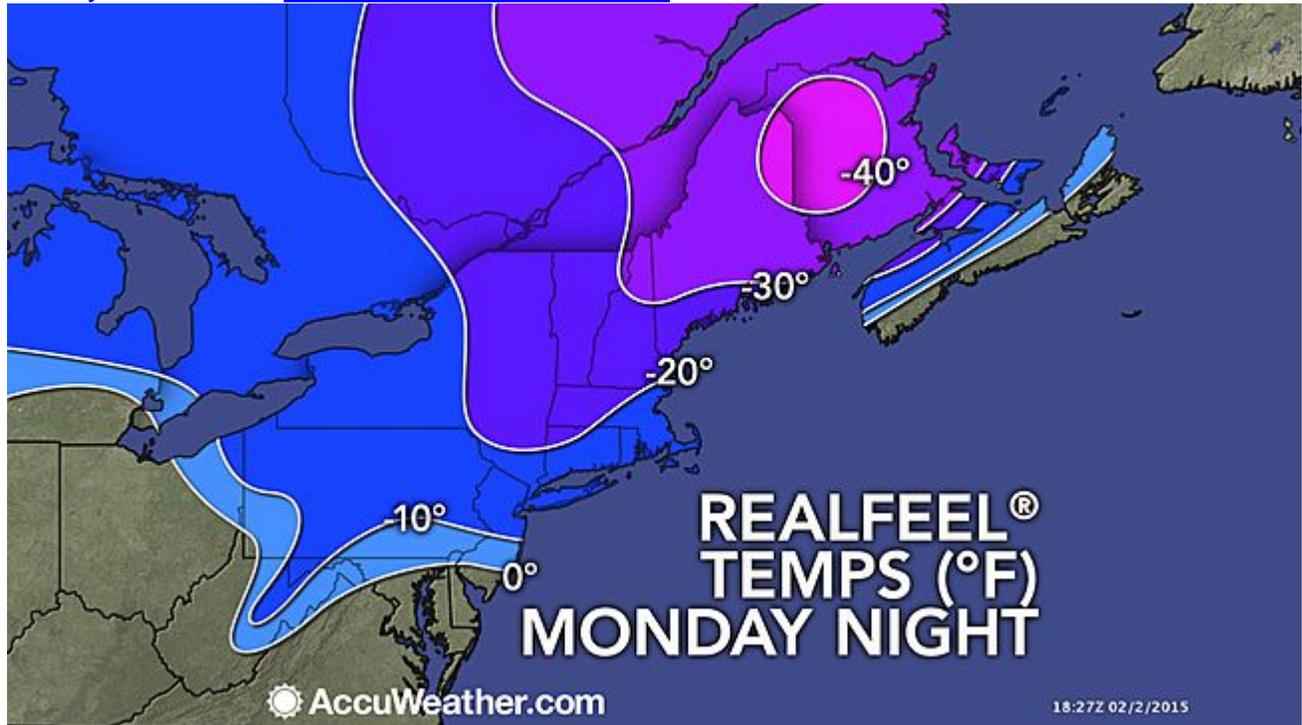
Surging temperatures in New York City and in Long Island could cause urban flooding where storm drains are blocked with piles of snow.

Enough wind can occur Monday to cause some blowing and drifting of the snow on the ground from parts of the Midwest to New England. Winds may get strong enough to cause rough seas and above-normal tides that can lead to coastal flooding in New England.

In parts of Long Island and southern New England, snow load on roofs may become an issue. This is mainly a concern where snow drifted on flat roofs during the Blizzard of 2015, creating an uneven depth and weight. Rain falling on top of the snow will add weight.

Freeze-up to Follow Snowstorm

Bitterly cold air has begun to spread southward in the Midwest in the wake of the storm.



Areas of slush and standing water will freeze solid Monday night (FEB 2, 2015)

A merging Alberta Clipper system and a southern storm will have to be watched for possible snow in the coastal Northeast on Thursday for more snow in the area.