

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, beginning on February 22, 2026, a severe winter storm is expected to create hazardous conditions throughout Westchester County, posing an imminent danger to public transportation, utility service, public health, and public safety systems; and

WHEREAS, the storm is expected to produce heavy snows, which may cause downed trees, road closures, travel disruptions, power outages, and damage to public and private property throughout the county, which pose a threat to the public health and safety;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth W. Jenkins, County Executive of the County of Westchester, and Chief Executive Officer of the County of Westchester, do hereby exercise my authority pursuant to Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law to preserve and protect the public health and safety in anticipation of the storm; and it is further

DECLARED, that the storm and potential damage therefrom threatens and imperils the public health and safety of the residents of Westchester County; and it is further

DECLARED, that a local state of emergency exists for Westchester County for a period beginning at 6 pm on the 22nd day of February, 2026 and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until rescinded by subsequent order or extended; and it is further

DECLARED, that all required and available assistance be rendered to address this threat to public health and safety, to ensure the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this County.

EMERGENCY ORDER

In conjunction with the above issued Declaration of a Local State of Emergency, I, Kenneth W. Jenkins, County Executive of the County of Westchester, and Chief Executive Officer of the County of Westchester, do hereby exercise my authority pursuant to Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law to issue the following Emergency Order to take effect at the same time as the above issued Declaration of a Local State of Emergency:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation may order the closure of any County roads, or sections thereof, where the weather conditions and damage from the storm have made travel hazardous and/or impassible; and it is further

ORDERED that any such closures shall be effectuated using barriers or other such means to prevent ingress on to those roads, or sections thereof; and it is further

ORDERED that entering such a closed section of a County road by moving or bypassing a barrier shall be a violation of this Order, which is punishable as a class B misdemeanor under the New York State Executive Law.

This Emergency Order shall expire in five (5) days or until rescinded by subsequent order or extended.



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive
County of Westchester
Dated: February 21, 2026
White Plains, New York

To: Clerk of the Westchester County Board of Legislators
Westchester County Clerk
New York Secretary of State
New York State Office of Emergency Management