Much of the East Coast has received warnings for an approaching winter storm. Residents throughout the northeast may receive hurricane-force winds and up to a foot of snow on top of record-low temperatures. North Florida is even expecting a rare surge of winter weather, which may bring a mixture of sleet, freezing rain, ice and snow. Residents should monitor local weather reports, and keep an eye on road conditions. If you need to travel, ensure your vehicle is in good repair, and review winter-driving safety tips below. Despite the media frenzy, try to relax and make the best of the snow! Build a snowman, take the kids sledding, or enjoy and day at home curled up on the couch with your loved ones. The following news links provide further news on the storm:

- **Weather Channel**—"Winter Storm Watches from North Florida to New England as East Coast Storm Looms": https://weather.com/storms/winter/news/2018-01-02-east-coast-snowstorm-south-ice
- **AccuWeather**—"Winter storm to impact New York area": http://abc7ny.com/weather/accuweather-alert-winter-storm-headed-our-way/2848193/
- **New York Times**—"Light Snow Falls in Florida and Georgia as a Winter Storm Hits the South": https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/03/us/cold-weather-winter-storm.html
- **WUSF**—"Rare Winter Storm to Hit North Florida Wednesday": http://wusfnews.wusf.usf.edu/post/rare-winter-storm-hit-north-florida-wednesday
- Monitor the Weather Channel's winter storm central here: https://weather.com/storms/winter-central
- Download the helpful Weather Channel apps here: https://weather.com/apps?cm_ven=UK_HB_Android_Pulse_Both_300x250_2112016_1

The following articles and links may provide winter-safety tips to help you weather the storm more safely and comfortably:

- **Be Prepared to Stay Safe and Healthy in Winter**
- **Winter Storms and Extreme Cold: Before, During, and After—Part 1**
- **Winter Storms and Extreme Cold: Before, During, and After—Part 2**
- If you're not used to driving in snowy and icy conditions, review these links:
  - Read the winter-driving tips from AAA: http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/driving-advice/winter-driving-tips/
  - Read the AARP's tips for challenging road conditions, including wet roads or sleet and ice: https://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/info-2013/managing-challenging-road-conditions.html
  - Read the DMV's tips on how to winterize your car: https://www.dmv.org/how-to-guides/winterize-car.php
  - AccuWeather provides tips on spotting and driving on black ice here: https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/black-ice-driving-dangers/22052530
- Here are some tips from AccuWeather on how to stay warm in case the power goes out: https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/how-to-survive-a-power-outage-in-winter/7000039
- Read CDC's "Outdoor Safety During a Winter Storm": https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/duringstorm/outdoorsafety.html
- Check out CDC's "Indoor Safety During a Winter Storm": https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/duringstorm/indoorsafety.html
- AccuWeather has this handy blizzard-survival guide here: https://www.accuweather.com/en/features/trend/emergency-kits-for-winter-weat/40698
- In a worst-case scenario, the Weather Channel has tips on how to handle becoming stranded in a blizzard: https://weather.com/safety/winter/news/blizzard-survival-tips
- **Protect Your Pet from Winter’s Woes**
- Finally, check out this audio for tips on keeping snow days safe and stress free!