Dangerously Cold Wind Chills Late Today into Saturday

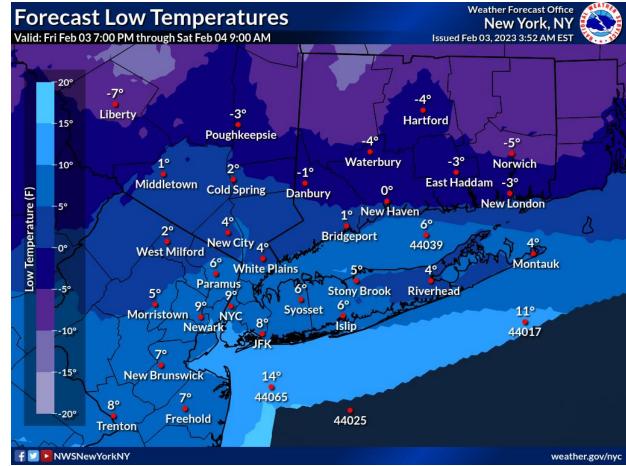


OVERVIEW An arctic front tracking through the region early this morning ushers in a brief shot of frigid air today into Saturday. Wind gusts up to 45 mph behind the frontal passage will lead to wind chill values well below zero late today into Saturday.	HAZARDS & IMPACTS	 Temperatures: Today- Temps dropping into the teens during the day Tonight into Saturday Morning – Low temps 0 to -5 F for S. Connecticut and Interior Lower Hudson Valley. 0 to 10 F for NE NJ, NYC metro and Long Island. Minimum Wind Chills this evening into Saturday morning: Interior SE CT: -25 to -30 F Rest of CT, E. LI, LoHud Valley, W. Passaic: -15 to -25F NYC/NJ metro and W. LI: -5 to -15F Impacts: After an unseasonably mild January, hypothermia is possible if proper precautions are not taken. Frostbite may occur in as little as 15 to 30 minutes on exposed skin. Poorly insulated water lines along exterior walls could freeze and burst.
	NWS ALERTS	 Wind Chill Warning: Interior SE CT from 5 PM today to 9 AM Saturday. Wind Chill Advisory: S. Connecticut, E. LI, Lower Hudson Valley, and W. Passaic County from 5 PM today to 9 AM Saturday. Gale Warning: NW gusts 35 to 45KT on all waters today into early Saturday morning. Freezing Spray Advisory for all nearshore waters: Moderate vessel ice accretion (0.3 in/hr to less than 0.8 in/hr) this afternoon into Saturday afternoon.
	FORECAST CHALLENGES	 A reasonable worst case wind chill scenario could lead to wind chills about 5 degrees colder than forecast.
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Minimum Low Temperature Forecast





Minimum Wind Chill Forecast

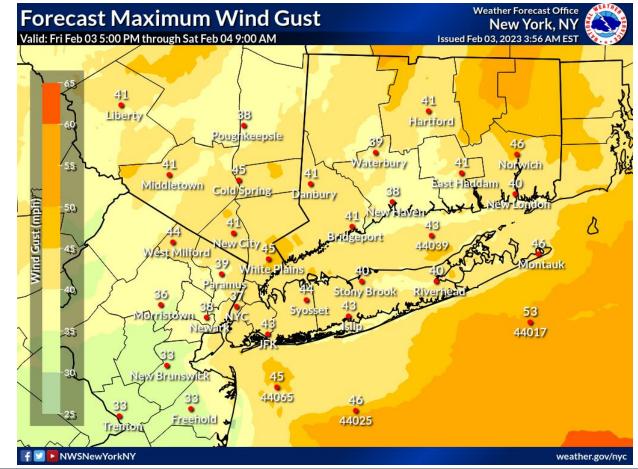




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Safety and Preparedness





Cold Weather Safety Tips

- Wear layers of clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.
- Don't forget your pets! Bring them indoors or make sure they have enough shelter to stay warm.
- Know frostbite signs: numbness, flushed gray, white blue or yellow skin discoloration.
 - Frostbite could occur in less than 30 minutes if proper precautions are not taken.
- Know hypothermia symptoms: confusion, dizziness, exhaustion, and severe shivering.
- 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. 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.



