BBC. 26 January 2015 Last updated at 16:31 ET. Snow emergency declared in US. An emergency has been declared in several US states as a storm bringing hurricane force winds and 90cm (36ins) of snow barrels down on the northeast. Non-emergency vehicles have been banned on New York City's 6,000 miles of roads after 23:00 local time. "Recognise this as an emergency, this is not business as usual," said Mayor Bill de Blasio.

NY Times, 27 Jan. 2015. BOSTON — High winds and whiteout conditions swept across New England on Tuesday as a strong winter storm moved up the East Coast, leaving the island of Nantucket without power. The storm veered away from New York City, leaving less than an foot of snow in Central Park. Hartford also received less than expected, but the storm was barreling down on Boston, where forecasters were still expecting two to three feet.

Heavy snow fell east of the city, with about 15 inches at Long Island MacArthur Airport in Islip, according to the National Weather Service. At Central Park, the total snowfall for the storm was about 5.5 inches.

... National Weather Service in New York said that the total snowfall could reach 14 to 18 inches in the city and 24 to 36 inches in Long Island.





















