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Ohio Turnpike Urges Motorists to Remain Vigilant during Winter Storm Fern ahead of Monday's Morning Commute and Beyond

BEREA, Ohio (Jan. 25, 2026) – The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission is urging motorists to remain vigilant as the remnants of Winter Storm Fern are expected to impact Monday's morning commute and continue into next week.

The Ohio Turnpike's maintenance and roadway crews – which have been in action since Saturday, Jan. 24 – are continuing to tackle the winter storm with 39,000 tons of salt, 175,000 gallons of liquid deicer, and 98 snowplows running around the clock in 12-hour shifts. **If you're traveling on the Ohio Turnpike or statewide, please give the snowplow truck operators room to work.**

According to the National Weather Service, the winter storm's **Arctic blast is expected to last beyond the weekend** and continue with sub-zero wind chills and freezing temperatures forecasted to last until Thursday, Jan. 29.

Pay attention to the local **Snow Emergency Levels** in Ohio, which are issued by county sheriffs, not the state, and can be found in real-time through social media searches for [County Name] Sheriff and local news outlets.

Delay unnecessary travel if the adverse weather conditions persist. If you must travel, keep warm clothing and boots, blankets, food, and water in your vehicle in case of an emergency. Drive according to the weather conditions and allow for extra time to reach your destination safely.

For travelers that need to stop, rest, or warm up, the Ohio Turnpike offers 14 service plazas across the 241-mile toll road. [Click here](#) for the service plaza locations.

For emergency assistance on the Ohio Turnpike and statewide, safely dial #677.

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