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## **PHL Airport Prepares for Major Winter Storm**

**PHILADELPHIA** – As Philadelphia braces for a late winter storm that could dump up to a foot of snow tonight and into Tuesday, March 14, Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is prepared to meet the challenges of clearing ice and snow from planes, runways, roadways and walkways.

PHL is set to deploy up to 475 employees on its winter snow patrol to clear ice and snow from 37 million square feet of airfield surface, including runways, taxiways and aprons. In addition, the crew is responsible for plowing and salting 4.5 million square feet of arrival and departure roadways, I-95 ramps and parking lots in and around the Airport.

PHL also plans to implement more than 200 pieces of heavy equipment, including snow plows, backhoes, loaders, brooms, snow blowers and chemical trucks. PHL expects to use eight snow melters that can each dissolve 250 tons of snow per hour. In addition to the equipment, PHL has 800 tons of salt, 62,000 gallons of runway deicer and 162,000 gallons of aircraft deicer on hand.

“We’re prepared to deal with whatever Mother Nature has in store for us,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “We have hundreds of dedicated employees prepared to work to keep our Airport open and operating safely.”

Passengers planning to fly within the next few days should check with their airlines for flight information. Some airlines are offering travelers with flight reservations the opportunity to change their itinerary without paying the customary change fees.

Travelers are encouraged to check the Airport’s website, [phl.org](http://phl.org), and follow the Airport on Twitter @PHLAirport for updates on Airport weather conditions and operations.