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## Philadelphia International Airport Ready for Winter Weather

**PHILADELPHIA** – Bitterly cold temperatures have arrived in Philadelphia and along with the frigid air is a forecast of snow and ice on Saturday, December 17. Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is prepared to deal with whatever Mother Nature brings this weekend and throughout the winter months.

The Airport is well stocked with supplies to clear snow from 32 million square feet of runways, taxiways and aprons and 3 million square feet of roadways, I-95 ramps and parking lots in and around PHL. Among the on-hand supplies are more than 200,000 gallons of aircraft de-icing fluid and 65,000 gallons of liquid runway de-icer. For sidewalks and roadway surfaces, 1,000 tons of rock salt; 300 tons of sand; and 2,000 bags of calcium chloride are available.

During the 2015-16 winter season, which saw a total 27.5 inches of snow, the Airport used 110,000 gallons of liquid runway de-icer and 500 tons of rock salt. The bulk of that was used during a 22-inch blizzard in January.

During major snow storms (accumulations 6 inches or more) the Airport deploys more than 200 pieces of equipment including plows, brooms, loaders, backhoes and snow blowers. Eight snow melters can each dissolve 250 tons of snow per hour. Some 465 Airport employees and contractors are deployed during major snow removal operations.

“Our crews have been preparing since the summer months for the inevitability of winter weather,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “As soon as the first flakes fall, they’re ready to go to work clearing snow and ice to keep the Airport open and functioning.”

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