



Special Holiday Announcement

SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies

12/24/2024 | 1200 hours

Watches / Warnings / Advisories:

A Santa Claus Warning is in effect throughout the night.

HAZARD	Dec 24	Dec 25
Reindeer Droppings	SIGNIFICANT	LIMITED
Falling Toys	ELEVATED	LIMITED
Fog	LIMITED	ELEVATED

DISCUSSION

When will Santa arrive at my house?

NORAD tracks Santa, but only Santa knows his route, which means we cannot predict where and when he will arrive at your house. We do, however, know from history that it appears he arrives only when children are asleep! In most countries, it seems Santa arrives between 9:00 p.m. and midnight on December 24th. If children are still awake when Santa arrives, he moves on to other houses. He returns later, but only when the children are asleep!

What route does Santa travel?

Santa usually starts at the International Date Line in the Pacific Ocean and travels west. So, historically, Santa visits the South Pacific first, then New Zealand and Australia. After that, he shoots up to Japan, over to Asia, across to Africa, then onto Western Europe, Canada, the United States, Mexico and Central and South America. Keep in mind, Santa's route can be affected by weather, so it's really unpredictable. NORAD coordinates with Santa's Elf Launch Staff to confirm his launch time, but from that point on, Santa calls the shots. We just track him!

Weather

It appears that Santa may encounter some rain, snow, and fog once in the United States but it should be LIMITED in most areas.

CITIZEN ACTION STATEMENT

- Have a plan for Santa's arrival in place. (such as, milk & cookies)
- Have a way of receiving notifications in regard to the whereabouts of Santa's sleigh (mainly due to the reindeer droppings). It is recommended to view NORAD's Santa Tracker on a regular basis.
- Take shelter when reindeer droppings are seen falling from the sky.
- **"When poop drops . . . indoors we should hop!"**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES

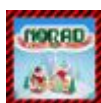
Springfield-Greene County EOC: **OpCon Level 4: Monitoring**

*** OEM will continue to monitor this developing weather situation. ***

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NORAD Santa Tracker

