

BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Prepares for Next Round of Winter Weather

Baltimore/ Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport is preparing for a winter storm that is expected to strike the region starting Monday night. The BWI snow removal team will be activated Monday evening, to remove snow and ice from airport runways, taxiways, ramp areas, public roadways, parking lots, and sidewalks.

Some airline flights are expected to be cancelled on Tuesday. Travelers are strongly encouraged to check with their airline for flight information before heading to the airport. Customers are advised to monitor airline or airport web sites to be aware of possible flight cancellations. BWI Marshall Airport's website is —www.bwiairport.com.

“BWI Marshall is preparing this evening for the expected winter storm,” said Ricky Smith, Chief Executive Officer for the airport. “We will have employees working during this storm to help ensure a safe airport for passengers and our airline partners.”

About 400 employees and contractor personnel work during major winter storms to clear the BWI Marshall airfield and landside facilities, including parking lots and roadways. Airport employees and contractors have more than 300 pieces of specialized equipment at their disposal. The airfield snow removal operation includes more than 50 pieces of sophisticated, specialized snow removal equipment, including plows, chemical trucks, brooms, snow melters, and several multi-function, high-speed runway clearing vehicles.

Airport winter operations are a shared responsibility. A great deal of planning and preparation is conducted year-round to ensure BWI Marshall is ready for winter weather. BWI Marshall Airport is responsible for snow removal and safe operations of the facility. The airlines de-ice aircraft. The Federal Aviation Administration controls air traffic and manages movement of aircraft on the airfield.

Travelers with plans to fly Monday night and Tuesday morning should consider parking in the Daily or Hourly garages at BWI Marshall. These garages provide about 10,000 covered parking spaces for customers.

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