

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We will alert everyone as early as possible to closings or changes in schedule. On poor weather days, we will often reduce the number of volunteer opportunities and reschedule pickups to a completely different day. We will send an email to any volunteers signed up for a given shift.

New Life will close volunteer and truck operations when Medfield Public Schools are closed for inclement weather AND/OR a winter storm warning is issued for the Medfield/Walpole area.

A winter storm warning means that forecasters are predicting...

- at least 5 inches of snow/sleet within a 12-hour period or at least 7 inches of snow/sleet within a 24-hour period, **AND/OR**
- enough ice accumulation to cause damage to trees or power lines, **AND/OR**
- a life threatening or damaging combination of snow/ice accumulation with wind.

If a winter weather advisory is called, New Life will remain open. The Executive Director will keep an eye on conditions and New Life may close if conditions become grim.

- Prior to leaving, the truck crew should check with donors and receive confirmation that the pick-up is ready and covered/in garage.
- A winter advisory is defined as any amount of freezing rain or when 2-4 inches of snow (alone or in combination with sleet and freezing rain) is expected to cause a significant inconvenience, but not serious enough to warrant a warning.