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Phil Caldwell and Ken Quail, both of Bly Street, cut up downed trees to get them out of the middle of the street March 4, 1991, the first full day of an ice storm. BURR LEWIS/ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE

## Warming to give NY a taste of spring

### Rochester temps to hit mid-60s by weekend

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Subzero temperatures and a late February blizzard are barely past as much of the Empire State looks ahead to springlike temperatures this week.

Predicted highs are expected to reach the 60s in parts of New York by the weekend, with the latter half of the week ranging between 40 and 60 degrees, depending on location.

That said, there is a chance for showers on March 5 and 6, and rain is likely on March 7, according to the National Weather Service. But since the forecast is further out, it could still change.

### How warm will it get in New York this week?

Here are some predicted highs this week across New York state:

- **Rochester** — mid-40s March 4 and 5, low 50s March 6, mid-60s March 7, mid-50s March 8.
- **Buffalo** — upper 40s March 4 and 5, low to mid-50s March 6 and 8, low 60s March 7.
- **Syracuse** — mid-40s March 4 and 5, low 50s March 6, mid-60s March 7, upper 50s March 8.
- **Albany** — mid- to upper 40s March 4 through March 6, mid-50s March 7 and 8.
- **Binghamton** — low 50s March 4 through March 6, low 60s March 7 and 8.
- **Poughkeepsie** — around 50 March 4 through March 6, mid-50s March 7, mid-60s March 8.
- **New York City** — around 50 March 4 through March 6, mid-50s March 7, mid-60s March 8.

Normal daily highs in the first week of March in New York range from the upper 30s in western and central New York (Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse), 40 in Albany to the mid-40s in New York City and Long Island, according to data from the Weather Service.

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Warming weather makes ice dangerous on lakes, ponds. **3A**

# Ice Storm of 1991 devastated city

## Among most destructive in Rochester's history

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Although March signals the arrival of spring — it officially begins March 20 this year — the month has a history of delivering some of the Rochester area's most memorable and crippling weather events. ● One of the most devastating was the Ice Storm of 1991.

The storm began the afternoon of March 3, 1991, coating the region in thick ice and paralyzing daily life. More than 200,000 homes and businesses across western New York lost power. For many RG&E customers, it took up to 14 days to restore electricity.

Trees suffered catastrophic damage. Ice-laden branches snapped under the weight, bringing down power lines, crushing cars and homes, and blocking roads.

As The New York Times described it: "In a phenomenon both beautiful and treacherous, ice-laden tree limbs that

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An ambulance navigates South Street on March 4, 1991, amid damage caused by an ice storm.

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# U.S. Supreme Court blocks New York map change

## Ruling gives GOP win on congressional redistricting

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on March 2 agreed to a Republican request to intervene in the battle over the boundaries of a New York congressional district, blocking a ruling that would have given Democrats a chance to flip the seat.

The court's three liberal justices dis-

sented from the unsigned and brief decision.

Rep. Nicole Malliotakis, R-New York, and others asked the high court to let New York use its existing congressional map for the fall 2026 election even though a state court said the map unlawfully diluted the voting power of Black and Latino residents. The emergency request was backed by the Trump administration, which has pushed red states to rejigger maps to improve Republicans' chances of keeping control of Congress and has opposed blue states' efforts to counterpunch.

The congressional district at issue includes all of Staten Island and parts of southern Brooklyn. It's the only district in New York City held by a Republican, Malliotakis. In January, a judge agreed with a group of voters that Black and Latino voters weren't given a sufficient chance to elect their preferred candidate, a violation of the state's constitution.

The Trump administration told the Supreme Court the New York judge had "ordered an open and unabashed racial gerrymander, directing the State to replace a district where the candidate



Hochul

backed by white voters usually wins with one where the candidate backed by black and Latino voters usually wins."

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul and other Democratic officials said the congressperson and other challengers took the "extraordinary" step of asking the Supreme Court to intervene before they'd fully appealed the judge's decision through New York's courts.

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