



## March storms promising this much snow are rare



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**Spring growth poked through snow in an garden on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston last week. It's about to get buried again.**

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In the month of March, and even into early April, it's not unusual that for Boston to get some fairly minor snow accumulations here or there.

But it's quite rare for the city to get a foot or more all at once.

The latest forecast from the National Weather Service predicts that the coming nor'easter will dump

between 12 and 18 inches in Boston between Monday night and Tuesday.

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If the prediction holds true, it would mark just eighth time that the city has seen at least a foot of snow over two consecutive days in March or later, according to weather service records that date back to 1891.

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The snowiest March-or-later storm dropped 25.4 inches in Boston between March 31 to April 1, 1997. It became known as the April Fool's Day blizzard.

The second-biggest two-day snowfall this late into the season was from March 3 to 4, 1960, when 19.7 inches of snow fell in Boston.

Boston normally receives snow between November and April.

Historically, the city has averaged about 43 inches total over those months, with the bulk falling in January (12.4 inches, on average) and February (13.1 inches).

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March averages about 7.4 inches, which is about the same as December (7.7 inches).

April averages just 1.3 inches, nearly the same as November (1.2 inches).

So far this season, Boston has received 42.3 inches of snowfall.

That includes 7 inches already in March, most of which fell during [last week's nor'easter](#).

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