

The Fargo campus responds to Redmond's December 2008 storm conditions

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The main Microsoft campus has been blanketed in snow the past few days. Microsoft Real Estate and Facilities has been sending out emergency alerts regarding the state of the campus, what services are available, what services are reduced, that sort of thing. Our friends over in the Fargo campus are generally unimpressed by all this hubbub and have written up their own adverse weather notification to make fun of us wusses in Redmond. (Reprinted below with some editing.)

Fargo Campus Open with No Interruptions

Due to normal cold weather and heavy snowfall the Microsoft Facilities in Fargo, including satellite areas (ABC, DEF, and GHI) will have **NO SERVICES INTERRUPTED** due to Snow/Ice conditions in the local area.

Forecast:

Current conditions: Light snow and windy

Temperature: -8°F
Feels like -40°F

UV Index: 0 Low

Wind: From N at 40mph
gusting to 48 mph

Humidity: Low

Pressure: 29.81 in. ↑

Dew Point: -12°F

Visibility: 0.8 miles

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Effective For: Thursday, December 18, 2008 through the end of April

Please exercise normal caution driving and walking on campus as you are more likely to be attacked by a bunny than slip and fall on the ice.

Campus Services

Reception: Building lobbies will be open. If your building reception is closed then they will be fired.

Shuttle: Campus shuttles will not be operating because there is no such thing as a campus shuttle in Fargo.

Mailing Services: Mailing Services will be operating under full service.

Food Service: There will full menu service available in all buildings.

Facilities Maintenance Response: A full maintenance staff is at work on campus today.

Building Services: All services such as heat, lighting and network connectivity will be operational.

Other Advisory Notes:

Security: Corporate Security advises its services will remain available to the campus. If you need assistance, stop by the office and wake them up.

Parking: Park as usual, the snow plow drivers will just plow around you. You're all capable of driving on snow/ice so plowing will be limited.

Connectivity: You shouldn't have any connectivity issues because you're expected to be at work. We only had 10" of snow and 40mph wind.

Microsoft Company Store: The Company store will not be open today because the Fargo Campus doesn't have a company store.

Area Roads: In light of the continuing snowfall and icy road conditions, most local roads are snow-covered and slippery and will remain that way until March. For information on current road conditions, please look out the window.

Weather Updates: For information on how the weather is impacting Microsoft services and accessibility, please visit <http://www.youtube.com> regularly throughout the day or tune into your local news stations for updates when you are in the office as conditions on campus could quickly change but they probably won't since cold, snow, and ice is the normal conditions this time of year.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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