

General Preparation

Cities and towns along the path of the eclipse will be very, very busy that day and the days leading up to it. On the day of the eclipse, **expect the population to double or triple**, which will lead to shortages of key supplies and increased pressure on city infrastructure.

Visitors will be looking for:






- **Water, food, and restrooms** – be sure you are stocked up on supplies (including toilet paper!) Restaurants and markets are likely to run out of key supplies.
- **A place to rest** - Most area hotel rooms and campsites are already booked. People will be looking for places to park cars and RV's.
- **Cell phone service** – the additional load is likely to make service spotty.
- **Eclipse viewers** – if you plan to distribute any, be sure to order them early. Production time can be as long as 4-5 weeks.

Bloomington and Monroe County emergency services are making plans to meet critical needs on eclipse day, and medical services are likely to be busy. If you have any routine medical appointments (or any kind of appointments, for that matter) for April 8, you might consider rescheduling them.

Monroe County Community School Corporation has cancelled classes for the day of the eclipse. Check with your local school district. The eclipse will occur around the time school lets out for the day.

Transportation will be difficult and traffic control measures will be in place in Bloomington on eclipse day. Hundreds of thousands of visitors will trickle into town over the days and hours before the eclipse. The roads will become very crowded. Get where you need to go early in the day.

The most challenging time will begin immediately after the eclipse ends when people tend to get into their cars and leave the area all at once. It's best to plan on NOT being on the roads and highways for several hours afterwards. After-eclipse events will be helpful in getting visitors to stay a little longer and alleviate traffic somewhat.

 Partial Eclipse Begins ...	1:49:08 PM
 Totality Begins	3:04:51 PM
 Mid-Point	3:06:52 PM
 Totality Ends	3:08:53 PM
 Partial Eclipse Ends	4:22:28 PM

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This is a partial list of concerns for cities and counties in the days, weeks, and months leading up to the eclipse. Any of these could affect individual organizations, though, and are worth thinking about ahead of time.

Municipal Concerns

- Public Toilets (port-a-potties)
- Recycling and Trash Bins
- Water
- Food
- Medical Services (hospital, first aid, EMS)
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Protection

Camping locations and other considerations

- Trash removal
- Liquid waste (port-a-potties)
- Fresh water
- Fires
- Concessions
- Camping site sizes (footage)
- First-aid stations
- RV camping on alternative sites
- Self-contained RVs

Public Services

- Law enforcement
- Fire response
- Emergency medical services
- Trash collection and disposal
- Cellular service
- Electricity

Prepare plans for working with

- Traffic and parking management operations (ingress, on-site, egress)
- Local law enforcement, emergency medical services, and local fire response services
- Emergency management services
- Mass care services (food, water, medical services)
- Food Trucks
- Local Markets
- Farmers Markets

Viewing Site Logistics

- At 3,200 people per acre, it requires approximately 10 acres for 30,000 people standing to view the eclipse
- 1,000 sq. ft. per RV = 35 RV per acre
- 240 sq. ft. per campsite = 145 tents per acre
- 160 sq. ft. per parking space = 220 cars/trucks per acre
- Portable toilets = 13 per 1,000 people
- Recommended water consumption = 96 ounces per person per day or 6 each, 16 ounce bottles per person per day