



# Total Solar Eclipse

## What is it?

The moon passes between the sun and the earth, blocking the face of the sun. The sky will darken as if it were nighttime, and you will see a “ring of fire” around the moon.




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## When is it?

All of Oswego County will experience the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, but the timing will vary slightly by municipality. Generally, it begins shortly after 2 p.m. (with totality occurring for approximately three and a half minutes between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m.) before concluding shortly after 4:30 p.m.

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## What to expect?

-  A large influx of visitors which may cause significant traffic congestion, potentially impacting commutes and emergency service response times, and impact cellular service availability due to a high volume of devices and usage in certain areas.
-  Gradual near nighttime conditions may cause issues for drivers and pedestrians
-  Temperature drop (about 10° F) paired with unpredictable early April weather



Find exact times for the eclipse and the maximum totality in your municipality

See flip side for planning and preparedness information

# Solar Eclipse Planning Information

## Community Challenges

The eclipse may bring many visitors and much traffic to Oswego County communities, especially in areas where views of the sky are unimpeded.

It's important to involve your public safety agencies in planning for possible disruptions.

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## Safety and Preparedness Tips

- Wear proper eclipse viewing glasses (Counterfeit glasses do exist, and sunglasses are not safe for viewing). Glasses meeting the ISO standard 12312-2 are recommended by the American Astronomical Society for eclipse viewing.
- Dress appropriately (dress in layers and anticipate cold temperatures, especially if you are viewing the eclipse away from your home).
- Prepare your vehicle ahead of time (fill up your gas tank, have some snacks and water in it, and bring a phone charger).

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## Events Planning

Any businesses (including campgrounds) or organizations planning to hold an event or be open to people for the solar eclipse must reach out to the Oswego County Health Department's Environmental Division to complete the appropriate permit, inspection or guidance processes in order to provide food, water and facilities in accordance with public health regulations. For details, call 315-349-3557 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

To have your event added to the Oswego County Tourism Eclipse website call 315-349-8324



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Eclipse Website



Oswego County Health  
Department Website