

Moscow Too Cold For Consular Services, But U.S. Embassy Presses On

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The Embassy of the United States in Moscow will restart normal operations tomorrow after temperatures in the city dropped too low for consular services.

Earlier today, the Embassy announced in a message online that it had been “obliged to cancel all appointments for routine American Citizen Services due [to] a flood in our building.” The flooding would also halt consular services for Russian citizens, another message [stated](#).

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The origin of the flood will be familiar to Moscow residents. [Extreme freezing temperatures](#) in the city had caused the Embassy’s pipes to burst, spilling water into places it wasn’t meant to be.

As a result, the Embassy would “only be able to provide services in genuine emergencies,” the official message read.

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Thankfully, the story has a happy ending for American citizens and Russians seeking a U.S. visa – the U.S. Embassy has foiled Mother Nature’s plans. Its consular section and American Citizen Services will reopen for normal operations tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.

“I just got that notice from the consular chief here,” spokesperson Maria Olson told The Moscow Times.

At press time, Mother Nature could not be reached for comment.

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