

Snow May Hit Moscow Region Next Week While Europe Reels From Heat Wave

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Those who thought climate change would make Moscow a more pleasant place to live may be reconsidering their predictions.

As European capitals [melt](#) under record-breaking summer heat, Moscow is reeling from a cold spell that has been ruining residents' summer plans for weeks.

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The Russian capital has been hit by heavy rainfall and historically low temperatures starting in early July. The weather got so nasty that Moscow City Hall [urged](#) restaurant owners last week to keep their outdoor verandas closed.

With forecasters [warning](#) of an “ultrapolar invasion” later in the week, the cold snap is far

from over.

A cold front could sweep through European Russia this Sunday, bringing wet snow and sleet to the northeastern Moscow region, Tatyana Pozdnyakova of the city meteorological bureau told the state-run RIA Novosti news agency. Russia's capital, however, will likely stay snow-free, she added.

“God forbid, not in Moscow,” Pozdnyakova was [quoted](#) as saying.

Still, she warned Muscovites to brace for [heavy rainfall](#) later this week in the event that snow misses the metropolis.

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