

# Warm Weather in Kamchatka Triggers Rapid Snowmelt After Winter of Historic Storms

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Streets across the capital of the Far East Kamchatka Peninsula have [flooded](#) after a weekend warm-up triggered rapid snowmelt.

Powerful winter storms [buried](#) Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky under several feet of snow in January, much of which was never fully cleared, as videos shared on social media in recent days showed.

Meteorologists [said](#) the snowmelt was expected to accelerate on Monday as temperatures rose to 4 degrees Celsius (39.2 Fahrenheit), though colder weather is forecast later in the week.

Russians in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky posted videos of cars driving through muddy, brown floodwaters covering city streets, while some locals were [seen wading](#) through the water in high rubber boots.

Last Tuesday, Mayor Yevgeny Belyayev [instructed](#) municipal services to prepare for the thaw by continuing snow removal and deploying heavy equipment to pump out water.

At least one woman was [killed](#) in the city last week after being struck by snow falling from a rooftop.

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