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The Snow Words We're Sick of Hearing

Flurries, road closures, snowpocalypse—you have all overstayed your welcome.

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Anyone sick of hearing anything that even remotely correlates to snow, icy roads, school closures and the like? I know I am.

Whenever a decent amount of snow descends from the heavens, we begin to run through the motions: watch around-the-clock news programs; instinctively hoard bread, milk and eggs; say phrases like, “Wow, would you look at all that snow?”

It's almost as if we relearn everything that accompanies a snowfall as it's happening—including the words and phrases that rank in usage right behind the word “snow” itself.

Here's a list of some of those words and phrases, the ones that we've heard way too much the past few days and would like to hear no more.

Flurries (fluhr-eez) n. — The predecessor or aftermath of annoying blizzard-like snow. If we could point a space heater toward every one before they hit the ground, we would.

Cabin fever (kab-in fee-ver) n. — It's not so much that we hate being cooped up in our house with the same people and animals for three days; it's more so that we're annoyed with the snow footage the TV news has played over and over. But for whatever reason, we keep watching, knowing that deep down inside, we must...change...channel!

Snowpocalypse (snoh-pok-uh-lips) n. — Snow's nothing new; however, the way it's classified by pundits is. *Also snowmageddon.*

Road conditions (rohhd kuhn-dish-uhnz) n. — Wow, look at that person's car on fire from spinning their tires on ice! Now where did I put my keys?

GDOT (jee-daught) n. — We know the Georgia Department of Transportation can't clear our driveways and subdivisions, but that doesn't mean we won't be mad at them for not doing so.

The South doesn't know how to handle snow (sound it out) phrase — We'll admit that we don't spend loads of money for equipment that would be used once every couple of years. But guess what: We're proud of it. We're proud of longer summers and not-as-cold winters. We're proud of cleaning out bread aisles. We're proud that we can actually enjoy a rare snowfall (well, only for the first day). We're proud to call off school even before we see the first snowflake. We're proud of the special relationship that exists between us and our quasi-friend/worst enemy, snow.

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Call me biased, but I like that snowman photo, Michael. Roll Tide!

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I have feeling you would agree that that will be the last snowman standing.

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Great article, Michael!

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Why thank you. Do you have any snow words you have grown a strong opposition for?

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5:38 pm on Thursday, January 13, 2011

I hate when people say they are "snowed in" when in reality they are not at all. See everyone else going to work? Yeah, they got just as much snow as you.

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5:40 pm on Thursday, January 13, 2011

Yeah, no snow days for people who from home either.

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I'm tired of hearing the phrase "There will be 'SNOW' school tomorrow for the following counties..." on the new stations.

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12:17 pm on Friday, January 14, 2011

I'm sure students in Cobb and Douglas counties aren't tired of it :)

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