

Seatylock Issues Winter Care Guidance for Folding Bike Lock Owners Following NOAA Seasonal Outlook

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Seatylock, the design-led mobility security brand founded in 2008, has published seasonal guidance on maintaining folding bike locks through wet winter conditions, following the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) winter outlook released on October 15, 2026.

The NOAA outlook, covering December 2026 through February 2027, forecasts elevated probabilities of wetter-than-average conditions across much of the southern United States and the Eastern Seaboard, influenced by a strong El Niño event. The outlook also favors warmer-than-average temperatures across much of the northern United States. Seatylock notes that the seasonal forecast describes probabilities rather than precise local rainfall or snowfall amounts, and that NOAA has not reported any change in bike lock performance.

The guidance addresses a practical distinction that Seatylock considers important for year-round cyclists: weather durability and theft resistance are separate performance considerations. A lock may be

independently certified against cutting and leverage attacks while still requiring routine care to keep cylinders, hinges and rivets operating smoothly after prolonged exposure to moisture, road grime and salt.

Seatylock's commuter resources explain how water and winter residue can affect locking cylinders and protective coatings over time. The company's Seatylock Guide to Folding Bike Locks for Commuters addresses weather exposure, keyway protection and maintenance.

"A certified lock protects a bicycle against attack, but winter conditions test a different quality entirely," said Michael Shenkerman, Head of Product at Seatylock. "Moisture, dirt and salt can gradually affect how a mechanism feels in the hand. A lock that becomes stiff or awkward is a lock a rider is tempted to skip, and that is where a security routine quietly breaks down."

The company's engineering background informs its position on durability. Several models in the Foldylock family carry ART 3-Star certification, awarded following independent testing by the Dutch laboratory SKG-IKOB. The Seatylock Guide to ART 3 Folding Lock Testing describes how the evaluation protocol includes freezing, dust and corrosion assessments alongside sawing, bolt-cutter and lock-picking tests, reflecting the range of conditions a lock may encounter in daily use.

"Environmental resistance is built into the testing standards we design toward," Shenkerman added. "Care from the owner extends that performance across many winters. A short routine of rinsing away grime and keeping the keyway clear makes a measurable difference to how a lock operates." The brand's Seatylock Folding Bike Locks Guide covers inspection and lubrication using manufacturer-approved procedures. The company recommends that riders regularly clean, dry and inspect their locks through the colder months to preserve consistent daily operation.

Seatylock designs, produces and assembles its products in-house, including cylinders and keys, and holds patents in the United States, Europe and other regions. Its product range spans Foldylock folding locks, Mason U-locks, Viking chain locks, the Seatylock hybrid seat-lock, SeatyGo detachable seats and accessory protection systems. The brand's independent certifications include Sold Secure, ART, FUB, Varefakta, SRA and Velosure, and its design work has been recognized with iF Design, Red Dot and European Product Design awards. Seatylock operates under the tagline "Protection Perfected by Design."

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