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NEWS RELEASE

WIND ADVISORY ISSUED AS MORE THAN 70,000 IN NH STILL WITHOUT POWER

Residents and Visitors Urged to Use Caution During Storm Cleanup

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service (NWS) in Gray, Maine, has issued a Wind Advisory for parts of New Hampshire as more than 70,000 utility customers in the state remain without power as of 8 a.m.

Crews continue to work to restore power to homes and businesses throughout New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) asks residents and visitors to use caution cleaning up from the storm.

"Storm related threats, such as downed power lines and debris, pose a danger," said HSEM Director Robert Buxton. "If you come across downed wires, stay away and call 9-1-1. Give cleanup crews plenty of space and never go around or move roadway barriers. You could put your life or the lives of others in danger."

Report power outages to your utility provider every 24 hours until it is restored:

Eversource	1-800-662-7764
Liberty Utilities	1-855-349-9455
NH Electric Co-op	1-800-343-6432
Until	1-888-301-7700

Director Buxton makes the following safety recommendations:

- Stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts and monitoring National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports.
- Find the latest road conditions at newengland511.org.
- Slow down and move over for emergency vehicles and never crowd the plow.
- Clear all snow and ice off your car, including your roof, around lights, and license plates before traveling.
- Bridges, overpasses, and exposed road areas are the most prone to slippery conditions.
- Plan two ways out of your home in case of emergency.
- Clear the driveway and front walk from ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.

- Only use a generator that has been wired to the building electrical service by a professional electrician.
- Do not run a generator in the garage, even if the door is open, because carbon monoxide can still build up to very dangerous levels, very quickly.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, emergency responders will be able to find you.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Also turn them off when you go to bed.
- Use flashlights, rather than candles, for emergency lighting.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed when you lose power. An unopened refrigerator will keep cold for 4 hours and a full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours. For food safety tips visit [USDA.gov](https://www.usda.gov).
- Check on neighbors and others who may need help.

Learn more about power outage safety at [ReadyNH.gov](https://www.ReadyNH.gov).

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