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PRESS RELEASE

NWS ISSUES WINTER STORM WARNING FOR NORTHERN NH

CONCORD, N.H. – New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management is reminding residents and visitors of northern New Hampshire to be prepared as a heavy mixed-precipitation winter weather event is expected tonight into Sunday.

The National Weather Service (NWS) in Gray, Maine issued a Winter Storm Warning for part of Coos County from 9:00 P.M. tonight until 7:00 P.M. on Sunday. Heavy mixed precipitation is expected. Total snow and sleet accumulations of up to 4 inches and ice accumulations of up to a third of an inch is expected.

The NWS in Gray, Maine issued a Winter Weather Advisory for parts of Coos and Carroll Counties from 9:00 P.M. tonight until 7:00 P.M. on Sunday. Freezing rain is expected with a total ice accumulation of a light glaze.

"Freezing rain will cause hazardous travel conditions until Sunday evening," said NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. "Scattered power outages are possible in northern New Hampshire. Take time today to prepare your family for disasters."

If you must travel, do so with an emergency kit. Visit <u>ReadyNH.gov</u> to download an emergency kit shopping list so you know what to stock in your emergency kit.

Due to heavy, mixed precipitation, power outages and tree damage is likely. If you lose power, be sure to report the outage to your utility provider every 24-hours until your service is restored.

New Hampshire Utility Provider Telephone Numbers:

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Eversourc	e	 .1-800-662-7764
Liberty U	tilities*	 .1-855-349-9455
NH Electr	ric Co-Op	 .1-800-343-6432
Unitil*	•••••	 .1-888-301-7700
*Recently	updated.	

If you see downed power lines, stay away and call 9-1-1.

Harper provides these additional reminders:

- Slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.
- Do not crowd the plows or emergency crews.
- 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 icy conditions.
- Visit <u>ReadyNH.gov</u> to learn more preparedness tips to help you and your family stay safe.

Take time now to prepare. Director Harper encourages everyone to plan ahead of disasters. The core steps toward preparedness is:

- 1. Make an emergency kit,
- 2. Have a family emergency plan, and
- 3. Stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts.

Download templates and instructions for each of these preparedness steps online at ReadyNH.gov.

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