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PRESS RELEASE

WINTER STORM WARNING IN EFFECT FOR PARTS OF NH

Concord, N.H. – The National Weather Service in Gray, Maine issued a Winter Storm Warning for the parts of Grafton, Carroll, Sullivan, Merrimack, Belknap, Strafford, Cheshire, Rockingham and Hillsborough counties from 10:00 P.M. tonight until 4:00 P.M. tomorrow. Dry and fluffy snow is expected and may be heavy at times with total snow accumulations of 6 to 10 inches possible for the warning area.

A Winter Storm Advisory is also in effect for parts of Grafton and Carroll counties from 10:00 P.M. tonight until 4:00 P.M. tomorrow.

Snowfall will begin Wednesday night, with a potential for localized heavy snow Thursday morning. Temperatures will remain well below freezing, making this an all snowfall event. Gusty winds along the coast could also lead to reduced visibilities due to blowing snow.

New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the NH Department of Transportation remind residents and visitors to be prepared, as the duration of this storm will cause impacts to travel across much of the state.

“As with every snowstorm, be prepared,” said New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. “Take time now to prepare your family. Throughout this storm, we are expecting very cold temperatures, so consider adding an extra blanket in your car emergency kit. Being prepared means knowing what to do and having the things you need to stay safe. Learn more about preparedness at ReadyNH.gov.”

“Based on anticipated heavy snowfall during commuter hours, we are recommending essential travel only,” said NH Department of Transportation Commissioner Victoria Sheehan. “Heavy snowfall rates mean poor visibility. If you have the ability to telework or engage in remote school opportunities, we recommend that you do so. If you must travel, please slow down and drive for the conditions, leaving plenty of space between your car and others, as well as plenty of time to reach your destination. As always, please don’t crowd the plow. We will be doing our best to clear roadways and keep NH moving.”

Director Harper and Commissioner Sheehan provide these additional reminders:

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- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn more about keeping safe during emergencies.
- Monitor National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports to keep track of changing conditions.
- Consider working or schooling from home so that crews can clear the roads.
- 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 slippery conditions.
- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn more preparedness tips to help you and your family stay safe.

The core steps toward preparedness are:

1. Stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts.
2. Make an emergency kit.
3. Have a family emergency plan
4. Get involved in your community.

NOTE: According to the National Weather Service, a Winter Storm Warning indicates that heavy snow of at least 6 inches in 12 hours, or at least 8 inches in 24 hours, is expected. It can also be issued if sleet accumulation will be at least half an inch. A Winter Storm Advisory is issued when snow of 3 to 5 inches in 12 hours, sleet accumulation up to 1/4 inch, freezing rain in combination with sleet and/or snow, or blowing snow is expected.

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