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PRESS RELEASE

SIGNIFICANT SNOW AND MIXED PRECIPITATION TONIGHT AND TUESDAY

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service in Gray, Maine issued Winter Storm Warnings and Winter Weather Advisories for New Hampshire starting on Monday night through Tuesday night. New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation remind residents and visitors to be prepared. This storm will significantly impact travel across the entire state.

- Parts of Coos, Grafton, and Carroll counties have a Winter Storm Warning in effect from 11:00 P.M. Monday until 11:00 P.M. Tuesday. Heavy snow and sleet is expected. Total snow accumulations of 5 to 8 inches and sleet accumulations of around 1/2 of an inch expected. Southern parts of Grafton and Carroll counties may see total snow accumulations of 4 to 6 inches, sleet accumulations around 3/4 of an inch, and ice accumulations of around one tenth of an inch.
- Parts of Sullivan, Merrimack, Belknap, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Strafford, and Rockingham counties have a Winter Weather Advisory in effect from 3:56 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Tuesday. Mixed precipitation is expected with total snow accumulations of 2 to 4 inches, sleet accumulations up to 3/4 of an inch, and ice accumulations of around three tenths of an inch. Some parts of Strafford and Rockingham counties may see total ice accumulations of around one quarter of an inch.

“Every mixed precipitation winter storm brings the potential for heavy wet snow which may down trees and limbs causing power outages,” said New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. “Take time now to prepare your family. Be prepared to stay home and appropriately stock your emergency kit in case you lose power. Learn more about emergency preparedness at ReadyNH.gov.”

Plan on slippery road conditions. Travel will be very difficult and these hazardous conditions will impact both morning and evening commutes on Tuesday.

“This storm is expected to bring both heavy wet snow as well as ice to New Hampshire,” said NH Department of Transportation Commissioner Victoria Sheehan. “As such visibility will be poor and driving conditions will be difficult so please: only travel if necessary during the storm. If travel is

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essential: go slow, drive for conditions, leaving space between your car and others, as well as ample time to reach your destination. NHDOT road crews will be out, we ask that you don't crowd the plow as we are working hard to keep NH moving."

Isolated power outages are possible due to the weighted trees and branches. If you see a downed power line, stay away and call 9-1-1.

If you lose power, be sure to report the outage to your utility provider:

Eversource1-800-662-7764
Liberty.....1-855-349-9455
NH Electric Co-Op1-800-343-6432
Unitil1-888-301-7700

Director Harper and Commissioner Sheehan provide these additional winter weather reminders:

- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn more preparedness tips to help you and your family stay safe.
- 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 safely clear the roads.
- Slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.
- Never crowd the plow.
- Always move over for 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.

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.

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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 Weather Advisory is issued when snow of 3 to 5 inches in 12 hours, sleet accumulations up to 1/4 inch, freezing rain in combination with sleet and/or snow, or blowing snow is expected.