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PRESS RELEASE

LATE SEASON SNOWSTORM BRINGS WINTER STORM WARNING TO PARTS OF NH

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service in Gray, Maine issued Winter Storm Warnings and Winter Weather Advisories for most of New Hampshire starting tonight at 10:00 PM through Saturday at 6:00 AM. 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, Carroll, Sullivan, Merrimack, Belknap, Cheshire, and Hillsborough counties have a Winter Storm Warning in effect from 10:00 PM Thursday until 6:00 AM Saturday morning. Heavy snow is expected with total snow accumulations of 4 to 10 inches with higher amounts at higher elevations.
- Part of Strafford County is in a Winter Weather Advisory from 2:00 AM Friday until 6:00 AM Saturday morning. Wet snow is expected with total snow accumulations of 3 to 6 inches.
- Part of northern Coos County is in a Winter Weather Advisory from 10:00 PM Thursday until 6:00 AM Saturday morning. Snow is expected with total snow accumulations of 3 to 5 inches.

“This late season snowstorm 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 at times due to low visibility and snow covered roads. This storm will affect the Friday morning and evening commutes.

“Please consider delaying travel until after the storm” said NHDOT Commissioner Victoria Sheehan. You are safer at home during inclement weather and it provides NHDOT the ability to clear travel surfaces. For those of you who need to travel. Please drive slowly, for conditions, allowing yourself ample time to get to your destination, leaving space between your car and other travelers, and please, for everyone’s safety, don’t crowd the plow.”

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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.