

## State of New Hampshire

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### WINTER STORM LEAVES THOUSANDS WITHOUT POWER

CONCORD, N.H. – As of 7 AM, more than 50,000 customers are without power across the state as crews work to clear roads and restore power from a winter storm that is expected to continue through the day Saturday.

"Crews are working to restore power quickly," said Robert Buxton, Director of the New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. "We are in contact with our partners at the Department of Energy and the Public Utilities Commission."

## Report power outages to your utility provider:

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

Customers without power should continue to call their service providers every 24 hours until power is restored.

Buxton makes the following safety recommendations:

- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn more about keeping safe during emergencies.
- Stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts and monitoring National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports.
- If you encounter a downed power line, stay away and call 9-1-1.
- Drivers are reminded to use extra caution, go slow and be alert for crews clearing debris and treating the roads.
- Use flashlights, rather than candles, for emergency lighting.
- Do not use a gas range or oven as an alternate source of heat.
- Only use a generator that has been wired to the house electrical service by a professional electrician.
- Never run a generator inside a building or in an enclosed space.