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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **ALMOST 80,000 REMAIN WITHOUT POWER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

CONCORD, N.H. – As of 7 a.m. Saturday, almost 80,000 customers in New Hampshire remain without power due to downed trees and wires as crews continue working to restore service.

The Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) urges residents and visitors to use caution when driving as many roads are closed from downed trees.

"Never drive around a road closure as there could be live wires in the roadway," said HSEM Director Robert Buxton. "If your area is still without power, make sure to check in on neighbors, especially the elderly and those who may be vulnerable."

Report power outages to your utility provider every 24 hours until it is restored:

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

Buxton also makes the following safety recommendations:

- Stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts and monitoring National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports.
- Drivers should be alert for crews clearing debris and use caution.
- 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 and keep them 10 feet away from buildings with the exhaust pointed away.

Learn more about power outage safety at ReadyNH.gov.