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NEWS RELEASE

USE CAUTION DURING STORM CLEANUP TO AVOID INJURY

More Than 64,000 Utility Customers Remain Without Power

CONCORD, N.H. – As power is restored to homes and businesses throughout New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) asks residents and visitors to use caution cleaning up from the storm.

"During storm cleanup, wear protective clothing and be cautious to avoid injury," said HSEM Director Robert Buxton. "Downed power lines and debris, can pose a danger."

Utility crews continue to assess the damage and restore power across the state. As of 8 a.m. Tuesday more than 64,000 customers remain without power.

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

Director Buxton 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 use extra caution, go slow and be alert for crews clearing debris. Never drive around barriers or remove them from closed roadways.
- 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.