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WINTER STORM UPDATE

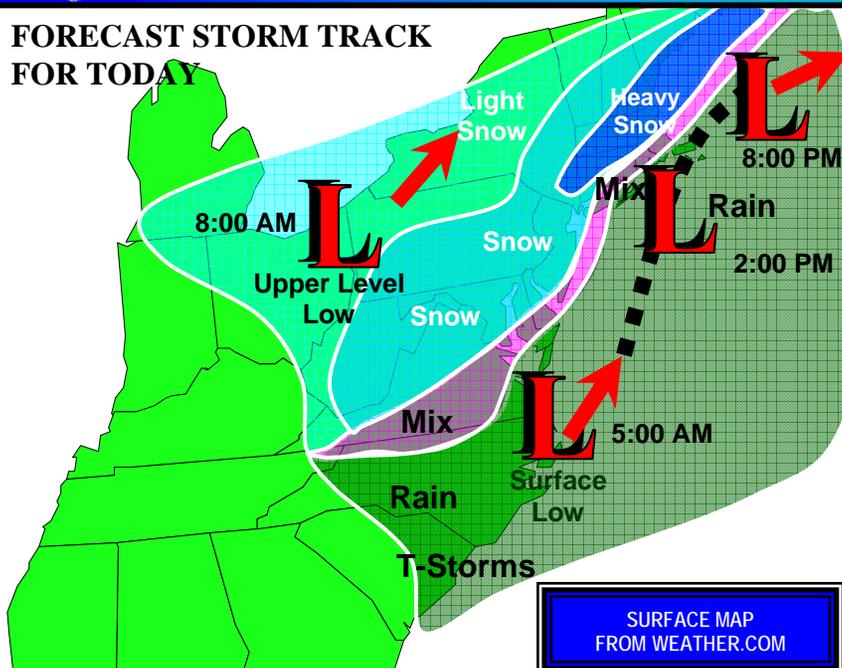
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FORECAST STORM TRACK FOR TODAY



SURFACE MAP
FROM WEATHER.COM

WATCHES AND WARNINGS

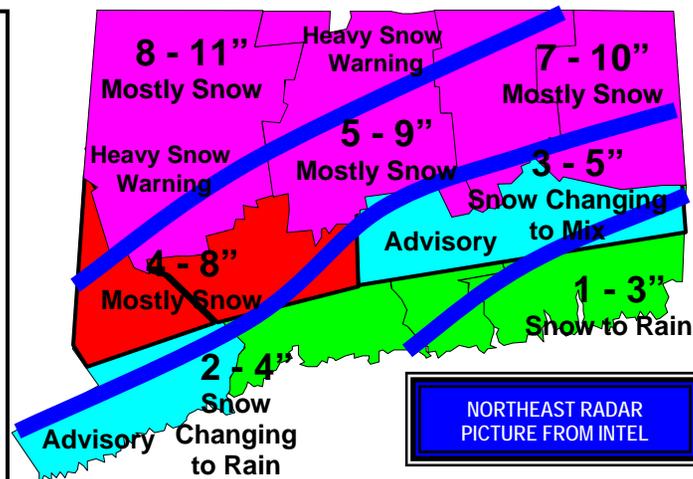
Heavy Snow Warning
All of Northern CT

Winter Storm Warning
Northern New Haven and
Fairfield Counties

Advisory
Southern Half of Fairfield, Northern
Middlesex and New London Counties

Coastal Flooding
No Coastal Warnings In Effect

SNOWFALL FORECAST FOR TODAY



COASTAL TIDES (NGVD)	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Flood Stage
Bridgeport	3.90 Ft	5:29am	-2.70	11:55am	7.0 Feet
	3.50 Ft	5:58pm	-2.90	12:15am (Sat)	
New London	1.70 Ft	3:42am	-0.90	10:15am	5.0 Feet
	1.40 Ft	4:03pm	-1.00	10:29pm (Fri)	

WEATHER FORECAST

STORM TRACK FORECAST... An upper level low pressure system in the upper Ohio Valley is this morning is forecast to move Northeast overnight as a surface low near the North Carolina coast moves very quickly up the East coast and over Cape Cod by this evening. As the surface low intensifies it will pull in moisture and warmer air from the Atlantic Ocean, which is expected to change the snow over to rain along the coast today. As the low moves east of Cape Cod, the precipitation may change back to snow at the coast for a few hours before ending.

CONNECTICUT FORECAST...NWS Issues Warnings and Advisories for all of Connecticut...Slightly colder senario...

This Morning's Forecast...**At the Southeast Coast...**Light Snow developing between 5:00 AM – 6:00 AM. Snow quickly changing to rain near the coast by 8:30 AM, and changing over in the New Haven/Norwich area around 10:00 AM. Temperatures rising into the upper 30's. **In Central Connecticut...**Light snow developed from West to East between 4:00 AM – 5:00 AM. Snowfall becoming steady and heavy at times (1 - 2"/hour) for a few hours between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Snow may mix with rain for a few hours around noontime. Temperatures rising into the low 30's. **In the Northwest Hills...** Light Snow began between 3:30 AM – 4:00 AM and becoming moderate to heavy at times from 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM with no changeover expected. Temperatures holding in the mid 20's. The exact location of the rain/snow line is still uncertain and its northward movement will depend on the exact track and intensity of the storm. At this time the rain/snow line is expected to reach as far north as Meriden and Glastonbury.

This Afternoon...Rain at the southeast coast changing briefly back to snow. Snow then ending quickly in Western CT by 1:00 PM, Central CT by 2:00 PM and Eastern CT by 4:00 PM. A period of gusty northwest winds of 20 – 30 mph can be expected later this afternoon especially along the Southeast Coast. Total snowfall amounts are expected to range from 1 – 3 inches at the southeast coast up to 5 – 9 inches in the Hartford Area and 8 – 11 inches in the Northwest Hills. No significant coastal flooding or icing is expected with this storm. Another update will be issued by Homeland Security at Noon.