



WEATHER UPDATE FROM DEMHS AT 9:00 AM - MODERATE TO HEAVY RAIN AND STRONG WINDS EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON...

At 8:45 AM radar showed light to moderate rain across the state. Southeast winds are currently gusting to around 25 MPH at times along the coast. The NWS has issued Flood Watches for Litchfield County and Wind Advisories for all of Southern CT for later this morning and this afternoon. A strong cold front currently located in Central PA will move to the East today and through Connecticut between 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Moderate to heavy rainfall and strong southerly winds along and ahead of the cold front will impact Connecticut beginning later this morning and lasting into this evening.

Connecticut Forecast...

This Morning: Rain and wind gradually increasing in intensity from West to East during the mid to late morning. South winds are forecast to gust to 35 – 40 MPH by noontime.

This Afternoon: Rain heavy at times between 1:00 – 6:00 PM especially in Western CT. South winds increasing and gusting to 35 – 45 MPH at times between noon and 4:00 PM. Winds may gust to 50 MPH at times in the highest elevations.

This Evening: Rain and wind tapering off from West to East between 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Total rainfall is forecast to range from around an inch in Eastern CT up to 2 inches in Western CT. Isolated higher amounts up to 2 ½" are possible in Western CT.

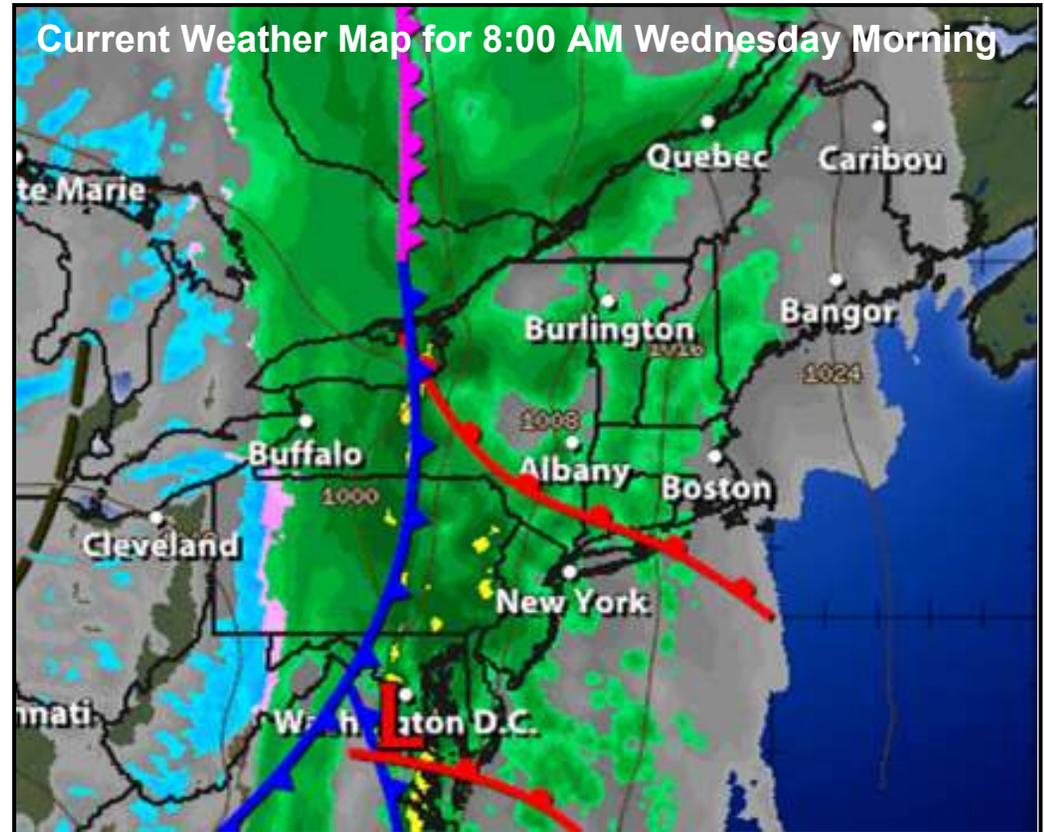
Expected Storm Impacts...

Heavy rain may cause some urban flooding in poorly drained areas in Western CT this afternoon. Some small streams may also reach minor flooding levels during the late afternoon however major flooding is not expected.

Strong south winds gusting to as high as 45 - 50 MPH at times will likely cause some power outages across the entire state and may also cause some hazardous driving for high profile vehicles this afternoon.

As the storm departs, some black ice may form late tonight as temps drop to near 32 F.

The overall impact of this storm is still expected to be minor to moderate. The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor this storm and will issue another update at noon today.



NWS WATCHES AND WARNINGS

Wind Advisories
 All of Southern CT.

Flood Watch
 Litchfield County

Power Outages
 CL&P: 619
 UI: 0
 Total: 619

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