



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Winter Storm Update from DESPP / DEMHS - Posted at 8:00 AM on 11/25/14...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

Good Morning

The NWS has issued Winter Storm Warnings for Litchfield and Hartford Counties that will go into effect Wednesday morning at 7:00 AM and continue until Thursday morning at 10:00 AM. Winter Storm Watches remain in effect for most of the rest of the state. A significant winter storm is expected on Wednesday. The following forecast is based on a blend of the current model information and may still change somewhat as we get closer to the event.

Wednesday Morning...A mix of rain and snow is expected to begin between 6:00 - 9:00 AM with temperatures in the upper 30's at the start. A minor impact is currently expected on morning rush hour with wet roads expected in most towns and some slush near the end of the rush hour in the higher elevations. The mix is then expected to change over to wet snow across most of the state between 8:30 - 10:30 AM with rain and snow mixed in Southeastern CT. The wet snow is forecast to increase in intensity at nearly the same time and become heavy at times by 10:00 AM. Temperatures are expected to fall as the changeover occurs but remain just above freezing. Roads above 500 feet are expected to become slush and snow covered by late morning.

Wednesday Afternoon...Road conditions in all locations in Central and Western CT are expected to deteriorate during the mid-day across much of the state especially in the higher elevations. The impact on the afternoon rush hour is currently expected to be moderate to major in the higher elevations and moderate along most of the highways and well traveled valley roads. Many roads away from the coast in Central and Western CT are expected to be slush or snow covered by 4:00 PM. The wet snow is currently expected to taper off Wednesday evening between 9:00 PM - midnight. At this time there is the potential for 2 - 4" along the immediate coast and in Southeastern CT, 6 - 10" in the valleys of Central and Northern CT and up to 8 - 14" in the Northwest and Northeast Hills. The amount of accumulation will likely be dependent on elevation with locations above 500 feet receiving the most accumulation. Also, (in general) roads are expected to receive about half the accumulation of the grassy areas in most towns. North winds during the storm may cause some limited power outages where the wet snow

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weighs down on tree limbs. North winds are forecast to be sustained at 10 - 15 MPH with gusts to 30 MPH in most towns and up to 40 MPH along the Southeast coast. The overall impact of this event is expected to be moderate for travel and minor for power outages.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest forecasts and will send out another update at 1:00 PM this afternoon.