



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION  
**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY**



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### STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

Flash Flood Warnings continue in effect for Litchfield County until 3:45 PM and for Hartford and Tolland Counties until 5:00 PM. A Flood Watch is in effect for Litchfield, Hartford, Tolland, Windham and Fairfield counties thru this evening. At 2:45 PM radar showed a large area of heavy rain over Central and Eastern Connecticut, moving into Rhode Island at this time. Some locations in Litchfield County have received up to 5 inches of rain during the past 8 hours and significant urban flooding has been reported in the City of Torrington. Towns should expect a 2 - 3 hour break in the rainfall from now through 5 - 6 PM.

Another area of showers and thunderstorms located in Central NY and Eastern PA is currently moving East and is expected to arrive in Western Connecticut around 5:00 PM. This second area of showers and thunderstorms is ahead of a slow moving cool front that will approach our area from the Northwest late this afternoon and this evening. A few of the thunderstorms this evening may contain strong winds (5% chance) torrential downpours and a slight risk for an isolated weak tornado (2% chance). Additional urban and small stream flooding is possible under any slow moving thunderstorms. The severity of the thunderstorms will depend in part on how much sun we get for the rest of this afternoon. At this time it appears that any sunshine will be very limited and temperatures are not expected to reach 85 F therefore the risk of severe thunderstorms may be somewhat diminished. The most likely period for strong to severe thunderstorms if they occur is from 6:00 – 10:00 PM.

Total rainfall for today is forecast to range from 2 – 4 inches statewide with locally higher amounts up to 6 inches possible in parts of Northern Connecticut and lower amounts along the coast. Overall this is still expected to be a minor to moderate flooding event and a minor severe thunderstorm event. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest conditions however this will be the final scheduled update. Additional updates will be sent out if additional watches or warnings are issued by the NWS.

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