



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



Winter Storm Update from DESPP / DEMHS - Posted at 1:15 PM on 11/25/14...

Changes from Previous Forecast...

Slightly more snow NW of I-84 / About the same SE of I-84...

Slightly earlier timing...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

Good Afternoon

The NWS has now issued Winter Storm Warnings for Northern Fairfield and Northern New Haven Counties in addition to the existing warnings in Litchfield and Hartford Counties. These warnings 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. The latest model runs contain more precipitation for the state (both rain and snow).

Wednesday Morning...A mix of rain and snow is expected to begin between 5:00 - 8:00 AM with temperatures in the mid to upper 30's at the start. A minor impact is still expected for the 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 - 9:30 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 9:00 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 11:00 AM.

Wednesday Afternoon...Road conditions at all elevations in Central and Western CT are expected to deteriorate during the mid-day across much of the state with rapid deterioration expected in the higher elevations. A rain / snow line is forecast to form along the Southeast Coast by 1:00 PM and move as far inland as the Norwich area by 4:00 PM. The impact on the afternoon rush hour is currently expected to range from minor along the coast, moderate in valley locations to major in the higher elevations. Most 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. Snowfall is forecast to range from little or no accumulation at the Southeastern Coast, 3 - 6" along the Central Coast and

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Southeastern CT, 6 - 10 in the Central Valley's and SW Coast, 8 - 12" in the Northeast Hills and 12 - 15" in the Northwest Hills. The amount of accumulation is expected to depend on elevation with locations above 500 feet receiving the most accumulation. Also, (in general) roads are still 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 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. No significant coastal flooding is expected. The overall impact of this event is expected to be moderate to major (in the higher elevations) 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 8:00 PM this evening.