



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



Posted at 1:15 PM on 12/9/14...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

No Significant Changes to the Forecast...

At 12:45 PM radar showed moderate to heavy rain falling across most of the state. Temperatures currently range from near 33 F in the coldest valleys to the mid 30's in most of the state and up to mid 40's along the immediate coast. The moderate to heavy rainfall is currently causing ponding on many roadways and some minor urban flooding. North Northeast winds are currently sustained at 15 - 25 MPH with gusts to 30 MPH inland and to 45 MPH at times along the coast. The wind and heavy rain is causing a minor impact on midday travel at this time.

Flood watches are in effect for the entire state for this afternoon and flood warnings for urban areas and small streams have been issued for Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex counties until 3:15 PM. All winter weather advisories have expired. A wind advisory also remains in effect for coastal Connecticut for this afternoon and a coastal flood warning is in effect for Fairfield and New Haven counties from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Tides are currently running about 2 feet above normal in Western Long Island Sound. A coastal flood advisory is in effect for Middlesex and New London counties from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

The center of the storm system is currently located approximately 50 miles south of Long Island. This storm system is forecast to stall near the south coast of Long Island by late this evening. The storm is then forecast remain near the Long Island coast for up to 24 hours until Wednesday evening and then move slowly north into Northern New England by Thursday afternoon. As the low moves thru New England an area of wet snow may wrap around the low and impact much of New England Wednesday evening thru Thursday morning. The following forecast is based on the latest information:

This Afternoon...Rain heavy at times for the next few hours. The rainfall is expected to taper off to showers along the coast by 4:00 PM and in the Hartford area by 5:30 PM. Highs ranging from the upper 30's in the NW Hills to the upper 40's along the Southeast coast. The strong winds should also start to subside during the afternoon rush hour. Residual ponding on roadways can be expected. The overall impact on the afternoon rush hour is expected to be minor.

Tonight thru Thursday...Light rain tonight and during the day on Wednesday may changeover to wet snow late Wednesday afternoon or evening. The light snow is forecast to continue Wednesday night with 2 - 3 inches of accumulation in the NW Hills possible and 1 - 2 inches across the rest of the state. Some black ice is also likely on any un-treated roads with temperatures hovering around 32 F Wednesday night. The wet snow is forecast to end by late Thursday morning. A minor to moderate impact on the Thursday morning commute is possible.

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The strong Northeast winds during this event have caused some stacking of water in Western Long Island Sound resulting in minor flooding during the time of high tide. Tide levels have reached 5.5 feet MSL in Western Long Island Sound at 1:00 PM. Some roadway and very limited basement flooding is occurring at this time. No significant damage is expected however the strong winds may also cause a minor number of power outages.

Total rainfall is expected to range from 2 – 3.5 inches and total snow/sleet accumulations are expected to range from a trace at the coast up to 2" in central CT and 4" in the NW Hills. Most of the storm impacts should be over by Thursday afternoon.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest conditions and will send out another update at 3:00 PM.