



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...

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued flood watches for the entire state for Tuesday. In addition the NWS has issued a high wind watch for coastal Connecticut and a coastal flood watch for Fairfield and New Haven counties for Tuesday.

A strong low pressure center is forecast to form near the coast of North Carolina early tomorrow morning. The storm is forecast to move north up the east coast and stall near the south coast of Long Island by late Tuesday evening. The storm is then forecast remain near the Long Island coast for up to 24 hours until Wednesday afternoon and then move slowly north into Northern New England by Thursday afternoon. The following forecast is based on the latest information:

Tonight...Increasing clouds with light snow developing this evening between 8:00 PM and midnight. Lows near 30 F. Travel overnight may be slick on some roads with light mixed precipitation falling causing a minor impact on driving.

Tuesday Morning...The light mix is expected to changeover to rain around daybreak on Tuesday. Moderate rain (with some sleet mixed in the NW Hills) is expected during the morning rush hour with just wet roads in most towns and a minor impact on driving. Strong gusty winds sustained at 20 MPH with gusts to 40 MPH inland and to 55 MPH along the coast may also cause a hazard for high profile vehicles during the morning. Heavier rain late in the morning may cause ponding on some roadways thru mid-afternoon.

Tuesday Afternoon...Rain heavy at times until 4:00 PM and then tapering down to showers during the afternoon rush hour. 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 rush hour is expected to be minor.

Tuesday Night thru Thursday...Light rain Tuesday night and during the day on Wednesday may changeover to wet snow by late in the day on Wednesday with a few inches of accumulation in the NW Hills possible. Some black ice is also likely on any un-treated roads with temperatures hovering around 32 F Wednesday night.

The strong Northeast winds during this event may cause some stacking of water in Western Long Island Sound resulting in minor flooding during the time of high tide around noon on Tuesday. No significant damage is expected however the strong winds may also cause a minor number of power outages.

Most of the storm impacts should be over by noon on Thursday. Total rainfall is expected to range from 1 - 3 inches and total snow/sleet accumulations are expected to be confined to 1 - 2 inches in the NW Hills.

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.

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