

Winter Storm Warning issued for Southeast Massachusetts

The National Weather Service Taunton MA has issued a Winter Storm Warning in effect until 7pm Monday for Northern Connecticut, Northern Rhode Island, and Southeast Massachusetts.

Hartford CT-Tolland CT-Windham CT-Northern Bristol MA-Western Plymouth MA-Southern Bristol MA-Southern Plymouth MA-Northwest Providence RI-Southeast Providence RI-Western Kent RI-Eastern Kent RI-Bristol RI-Including the cities of Hartford, Windsor Locks, Union, Vernon, Putnam, Willimantic, Taunton, Brockton, Fall River, New Bedford, Mattapoisett, Foster, Smithfield, Providence, Coventry, West Greenwich, EAST GREENWICH, WARWICK, WEST WARWICK, and Bristol.

* LOCATIONS...include Northern Connecticut, Northern Rhode Island, and Southeast Massachusetts.

* ACCUMULATIONS...4 to 8 inches of snow.

* HAZARD TYPES...include moderate to heavy snow, as well as blowing snow.

* TIMING...spotty light snow this morning will give way to steady snow later this morning and then heavy at times this afternoon. Snow may mix with sleet at times later this afternoon and possibly mixed with freezing drizzle tonight before turning back to snow Monday morning.

* WINDS...North 10 to 20 mph with gusts up to 50 mph.

* VISIBILITIES...One quarter mile or less at times.

* IMPACTS...The heavy snow will make many roads impassable and may produce widespread power outages due to the weight of the snow on tree limbs and power lines. Strong winds will lead to

blowing snow...reduced visibility...and additional power outages.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A Winter Storm Warning is issued when an average snowfall of 6 inches or more is expected within a 12 hour period...or for 8 inches or more in a 24 hour period. Travel will be slow at best on well treated surfaces...and quite difficult on untreated surfaces. Only travel in an emergency. If you must travel...keep an extra flashlight...food...and water in your vehicle in case of an emergency.