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Winter Weather Advisory In Effect

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Stoddard County, Missouri - The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a Winter Weather Advisory..... WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY IN EFFECT FROM 6 PM THIS EVENING TO 9 AM CST THURSDAY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PADUCAH HAS ISSUED A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY FOR SNOW AND MINOR SLEET ACCUMULATION TONIGHT INTO EARLY THURSDAY MORNING. THIS WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY IS IN EFFECT FROM 6 PM THIS EVENING TO 9 AM CST THURSDAY. THE ADVISORY COVERS ALL OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AND FULTON COUNTY IN WEST KENTUCKY.

* TIMING... A VERY BRIEF SHOT OF VERY LIGHT SNOW AND SLEET WILL FALL THIS AFTERNOON... BUT MEASURABLE ACCUMULATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OCCUR BY SUNSET AND CONTINUE OVERNIGHT. THE SNOW AND SLEET WILL CHANGE OVER TO RAIN AND DRIZZLE BY LATE MORNING ON THURSDAY.

* ACCUMULATIONS OF ONE TO LOCALLY THREE INCHES OF SNOW ARE EXPECTED MAINLY WEST OF A DEXTER TO MARBLE HILL MISSOURI LINE... WITH LESSER AMOUNTS FURTHER EAST. MINOR SLEET ACCUMULATIONS LESS THAN A TENTH OF AN INCH ARE EXPECTED.

* IMPACTS WITH THE SNOW AND SLEET ACCUMULATIONS WILL CAUSE TRAVEL PROBLEMS ON RURAL AND SECONDARY ROADWAYS THAT MAY NOT BE TREATED OVERNIGHT. DURING THE EARLY THURSDAY MORNING COMMUTE FOR WORK AND SCHOOL... THE WINTRY MIX WILL CAUSE SLICK SPOTS ON ROADWAYS... AS WELL IMPACTING SIDEWALKS AND BRIDGES.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY MEANS THAT PERIODS OF SNOW AND SLEET WILL CAUSE TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES. BE PREPARED FOR SLIPPERY ROADS AND LIMITED VISIBILITIES... AND USE CAUTION WHILE DRIVING.

More Information

... A FAST MOVING WEATHER SYSTEM WILL IMPACT MAINLY SOUTHEAST MISSOURI TONIGHT THROUGH EARLY THURSDAY MORNING BRINGING A SMALL ACCUMULATION OF WINTRY PRECIPITATION TO THE AREA...

.A WINTRY MIX OF PRECIPITATION WILL MOVE OVER SOUTHEAST MISSOURI BEGINNING THIS AFTERNOON AND EXPAND EASTWARD OVERNIGHT. THIS MAY CAUSE TRAVEL PROBLEMS FOR PERSONS OVERNIGHT AND INTO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS ON THURSDAY.

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Winter Weather Statement Issued

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Winter Weather Statement Issued

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Stoddard County, Missouri - The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a Winter Weather Statement for our area.....MINOR ADDITIONAL ACCUMULATIONS OF SNOW WILL BE POSSIBLE THIS EVENING MAINLY EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND NORTH OF A LINE FROM CAPE GIRARDEAU MISSOURI TO OWENSBORO KENTUCKY. THE BAND OF HEAVIEST SNOW WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH EAST ACROSS SOUTHWEST INDIANA.

FLASH FREEZING HAS OCCURRED ON AREA ROADS WHERE SUBSTANTIAL RAINS FELL EARLIER TODAY... ESPECIALLY ON BRIDGES... OVERPASSES AND SIDEWALKS. DRIVING AND WALKING CONDITIONS WILL REMAIN HAZARDOUS IN SOME AREAS WHERE FLASH FREEZING HAS OCCURRED OR WILL SHORTLY. TREACHEROUS TRAVEL CONDITIONS WILL CONTINUE AS WELL WHERE APPRECIABLE SNOWS FELL TODAY IN PARTS OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS. BLOWING AND DRIFTING OF SNOW IS LIKELY IN THOSE AREAS. TRAVEL CONDITIONS WILL BE DANGEROUS ACROSS SOUTHWEST INDIANA THROUGH THE EVENING HOURS.

WIND CHILL TEMPERATURES ARE ALREADY IN THE SINGLE DIGITS TO NEAR ZERO. IT WILL ONLY GET COLDER THROUGH THE EVENING. WIND CHILL WARNINGS AND ADVISORIES ARE NOW IN EFFECT.

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Wind Chill Advisory in Effect

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Stoddard County, Missouri - The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a Wind Chill Advisory and a Winter Storm Warning.....

... WINTER STORM WARNING NOW IN EFFECT FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM CST SUNDAY... ... WIND CHILL ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 6 PM SUNDAY TO 9 AM CST TUESDAY...

THE WINTER STORM WARNING FOR HEAVY SNOW IS NOW IN EFFECT FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM CST SUNDAY. A WIND CHILL ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 6 PM SUNDAY TO 9 AM CST TUESDAY.

* TIMING... RAIN WILL CHANGE TO SNOW BY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING... AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE DAY. THE SNOW SHOULD TAPER OFF BY EARLY EVENING.

* AMOUNTS... TOTAL SNOWFALL FROM 3 TO 6 INCHES IS LIKELY. ISOLATED AMOUNTS MAY APPROACH 8 INCHES.

* IMPACTS... HAZARDOUS TRAVEL CONDITIONS CAN BE EXPECTED. BLOWING AND DRIFTING OF SNOW IS LIKELY.

* WIND CHILL... SUNDAY NIGHT THROUGH MONDAY NIGHT... WIND CHILL TEMPERATURES WILL BE AS LOW AS 10 TO 25 DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A WINTER STORM WARNING FOR HEAVY SNOW MEANS SEVERE WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED OR OCCURRING. SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SNOW ARE FORECAST THAT WILL MAKE TRAVEL DANGEROUS. ONLY TRAVEL IN AN EMERGENCY. IF YOU MUST TRAVEL... KEEP AN EXTRA FLASHLIGHT... FOOD... AND WATER IN YOUR VEHICLE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

A WIND CHILL ADVISORY MEANS THAT VERY COLD AIR AND STRONG WINDS WILL COMBINE TO GENERATE WIND CHILLS OF 10 BELOW ZERO TO 25 BELOW ZERO. THIS WILL RESULT IN FROSTBITE AND LEAD TO HYPOTHERMIA IF PRECAUTIONS ARE NOT TAKEN. IF YOU MUST VENTURE OUTDOORS... MAKE SURE YOU WEAR A HAT AND GLOVES.

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Before Winter Storms & Extreme Cold - PREPARE!

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Before Winter Storms & Extreme Cold - PREPARE!

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Missouri - It may be common sense to most people, but even the most prepared forget to check something. It's always good to double check your list of "Things To Do to Be Prepared for Winter Weather".

To prepare for a winter storm you should do the following:

- Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your [emergency kit](#):
 - €€€€€€€
 - Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) for a complete list of recommended products.
 - Sand to improve traction.
 - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
 - Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
 - Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.

- Make a [Family Communications Plan](#). Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or other local news channels for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS). Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

Winterize Your Vehicle

Check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:

- **Antifreeze levels** - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.
- **Battery and ignition system** - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.
- **Brakes** - check for wear and fluid levels.
- **Exhaust system** - check for leaks and crimped pipes and rep
- **Fuel and air filters** - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.
- **Heater and defroster** - ensure they work properly.
- **Lights and flashing hazard lights** - check for serviceability.
- **Oil** - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
- **Thermostat** - ensure it works properly.
- **Windshield wiper equipment** - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level.
- **Install good winter tires** - Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.

Update the [emergency kits](#) in your vehicles with:

- a shovel
- windshield scraper and small broom
- flashlight
- battery powered radio
- extra batteries
- water
- snack food
- matches
- extra hats, socks and mittens
- first aid kit with pocket knife
- necessary medications
- blanket(s)

- tow chain or rope
- road salt and sand
- booster cables
- emergency flares
- fluorescent distress flag

Winterize Your Home

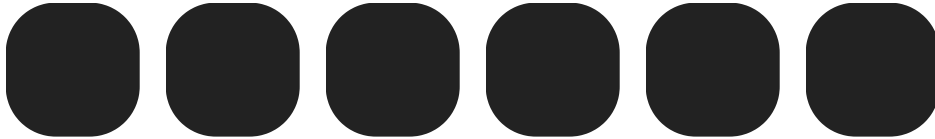
- Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.
- Winterize your house, barn, shed or any other structure that may provide shelter for your family, neighbors, livestock or equipment. Clear rain gutters; repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or other structure during a storm.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing. Running water, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside and kept clear.
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them. House fires pose an additional risk, as more people turn to alternate heating sources without taking the necessary safety precautions.
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).
- Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.
- Hire a contractor to check the structural ability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow - or water, if drains on flat roofs do not work.

Carbon Monoxide

Caution: Carbon Monoxide Kills

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area. Locate unit away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.
- The primary hazards to avoid when using alternate sources for electricity, heating or cooking are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.
- If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.
- Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.

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Weekend Storm Means Snow Covered Roads...Again

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Weekend Storm Means Snow Covered Roads...Again

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Missouri - Another weekend, another chance for snow. Missouri Department of Transportation crews are used to this kind of schedule, and they'll be out in force to plow and treat state roadways no matter when the snow hits.

The weekend forecast adds a level of difficulty for MoDOT's snowplow drivers, because the extreme cold and windy conditions may make it tougher to make progress and improve road conditions.

"At 30 degrees, one pound of salt will melt 46 pounds of ice, but that same pound of salt will melt less than four pounds of ice when it's zero degrees," said Beth Wright, MoDOT State Maintenance Engineer. "Add in the high winds that will blow snow back onto roadways, and we may face a truly challenging storm."

Those bitter temperatures don't just make plowing snow more difficult. They also make it more hazardous for crews and motorists. MoDOT employees take extra precautions to be safe from extremely cold temperatures, and so should motorists.

"If you have to travel during this storm, please be prepared and extra cautious," said Wright. "When temperatures dip this low, getting stranded on the side of the road can be very dangerous."

Before you travel, equip your vehicle with an emergency kit that includes:

- a shovel, windshield scraper and small broom
- a flashlight, battery powered radio, and extra batteries
- water and snack food
- matches
- blankets, extra hats, socks and mittens
- first aid kit with pocket knife and any necessary medications
- tow chain or rope
- road salt and sand
- booster cables
- emergency flares
- fluorescent distress flag

Check out additional extreme cold weather tips from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at <http://m.fema.gov/winter-storms-extreme-cold>.

One of the best ways to prepare for winter travel is to check MoDOT's Traveler Information Map, located at www.modot.org. The map offers real-time views of road conditions for Missouri's interstates and major highways.

For smartphone and tablet users, MoDOT's Traveler Information App brings the same information to your mobile devices. Users can select road condition and work zone options from the map's legend, and view the same cameras and message boards found on desktop version of the map. The app is available for free at the iPhone App Store and Android Marketplace.

Travelers can also pick up the phone and call MoDOT's toll-free customer service center at 888-ASK-MODOT (888-275-6636). Customer service representatives are available to give road conditions updates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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Winter Storm Warning Issued

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Stoddard County, Missouri - The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for our area beginning tonight.

.... WINTER STORM WARNING IN EFFECT FROM MIDNIGHT TONIGHT TO 6 PM CST SUNDAY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PADUCAH HAS ISSUED A WINTER STORM WARNING FOR HEAVY SNOW... WHICH IS IN EFFECT FROM MIDNIGHT TONIGHT TO 6 PM CST SUNDAY. THE WINTER STORM WATCH IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT.

* **TIMING:** A MIX OF RAIN AND SNOW WILL SPREAD SOUTHEAST ACROSS MUCH OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FROM LATE SATURDAY NIGHT THROUGH DAYBREAK SUNDAY. THE TRANSITION TO ALL SNOW WILL HAPPEN QUICKLY OVERNIGHT IN AREAS NORTH OF A LINE FROM VAN BUREN MISSOURI TO MARION AND MT CARMEL ILLINOIS. THE TRANSITION TO SNOW WILL GRADUALLY SPREAD SOUTHEAST THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE AREA EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. THE SNOW WILL COME TO A RAPID END FROM WEST TO EAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

* **AMOUNTS:** AREAS NORTH OF A LINE FROM VAN BUREN MISSOURI TO MARION AND MT CARMEL ILLINOIS WILL SEE 1 TO 3 INCHES BY DAYBREAK SUNDAY. TOTAL SNOWFALL OVER SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS WILL RANGE FROM 5 TO 10 INCHES. LOCALLY HIGHER AMOUNTS CAN BE EXPECTED.

* **IMPACTS:** TRAVEL CONDITIONS WILL DETERIORATE LATE SATURDAY NIGHT AND THROUGH THE DAY SUNDAY. GUSTY NORTHWEST WINDS WILL BRING EXTREMELY COLD AIR INTO THE REGION SUNDAY THROUGH TUESDAY. TEMPERATURES WILL FALL BELOW ZERO OVER MUCH OF THE AREA LATE SUNDAY NIGHT AND REMAIN BELOW ZERO THROUGH THE DAY MONDAY AND INTO TUESDAY MORNING. WIND CHILL READINGS WILL RANGE FROM 10 BELOW TO 30 BELOW ZERO. SLICK ROAD CONDITIONS WILL LIKELY CONTINUE THROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT WEEK. ANY TRAVEL AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITY IS STRONGLY DISCOURAGED DUE TO THESE DANGEROUSLY COLD CONDITIONS.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A WINTER STORM WARNING FOR HEAVY SNOW MEANS SEVERE WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED OR OCCURRING. SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SNOW ARE FORECAST THAT WILL MAKE TRAVEL DANGEROUS. ONLY TRAVEL IN AN EMERGENCY. IF YOU MUST TRAVEL... KEEP AN EXTRA FLASHLIGHT... FOOD... AND WATER IN YOUR VEHICLE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

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Winter Storm Watch Has Been Issued for Saturday Night

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Stoddard County, Missouri - The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a Winter Storm Watch.

. WINTER STORM WATCH IN EFFECT FROM SATURDAY EVENING THROUGH SUNDAY AFTERNOON...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PADUCAH HAS ISSUED A WINTER STORM WATCH... WHICH IS IN EFFECT FROM SATURDAY EVENING THROUGH SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

* KEEP IN MIND THIS IS A WATCH... BUT SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL IS LOOKING INCREASINGLY LIKELY.

* TIMING: PRECIPITATION WILL BEGIN SATURDAY NIGHT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PRECIPITATION WILL BEGIN AS RAIN... ESPECIALLY THE FURTHER SOUTH YOU GO IN THE AREA... BUT IT SHOULD CHANGE OVER TO ALL SNOW AFTER MIDNIGHT.

* MAIN IMPACT: THE GROUND SHOULD BECOME WHITE OVERNIGHT... WITH SOME LOCATIONS PERHAPS RECEIVING UP TO A COUPLE INCHES BY SUNRISE SUNDAY. 4 TO 6 INCHES ON TOP OF THAT COMING SUNDAY MAKES FOR A STORM TOTAL FORECAST SNOWFALL ACCUMULATION OF 6 TO 8 INCHES FOR MOST OF THE WATCH AREA. LOCALLY HIGHER AMOUNTS ARE POSSIBLE.

* OTHER IMPACTS: EXTREME COLD WILL FOLLOW THESE SIGNIFICANT ACCUMULATIONS. TEMPERATURES WILL DROP THROUGH THE SINGLE DIGITS SUNDAY NIGHT AND WIND CHILLS WILL BE MINUS 10 TO MINUS 25 AT THEIR COLDEST MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS. THESE SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL ACCUMULATIONS... IF REALIZED... WOULD THEREFORE STICK AROUND THROUGH AT LEAST MID WEEK.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A WINTER STORM WATCH MEANS THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT SNOW... SLEET... OR ICE ACCUMULATIONS THAT WOULD GREATLY IMPACT TRAVEL. STAY TUNED FOR LATER STATEMENTS. THIS WATCH WILL BE UPGRADED TO A WARNING IF WINTER STORM CONDITIONS BECOME MORE CERTAIN.

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