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WINTER WEATHER UPDATE FROM DESPP / DEMHS AT 9:00 AM OCT 30, 2020

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: ACTIVATED

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES IN EFFECT FOR NORTHERN LITCHFIELD COUNTY AND ALL OF HARTFORD, TOLLAND AND WINDHAM COUNTIES FOR THIS MORNING INTO EARLY THIS AFTERNOON....WET SNOW FALLING IN NORTHERN CT AND THE HIGHER ELEVATIONS IN SOUTHERN CT AT THIS TIME...

At 9:00 AM radar showed wet snow falling across northern CT and light rain falling across southern CT (see yellow dashed line on map). During the next few hours, the rain in southern CT is forecast to slowly changeover to wet snow. Temperatures across the state currently range from low 30's in the NW Hills, mid 30's in Central CT and upper 30's along the coast. North winds are currently sustained at 10 – 20 MPH and gusting to 30 MPH at times along the coast. The following is a detailed forecast for the rest of today:

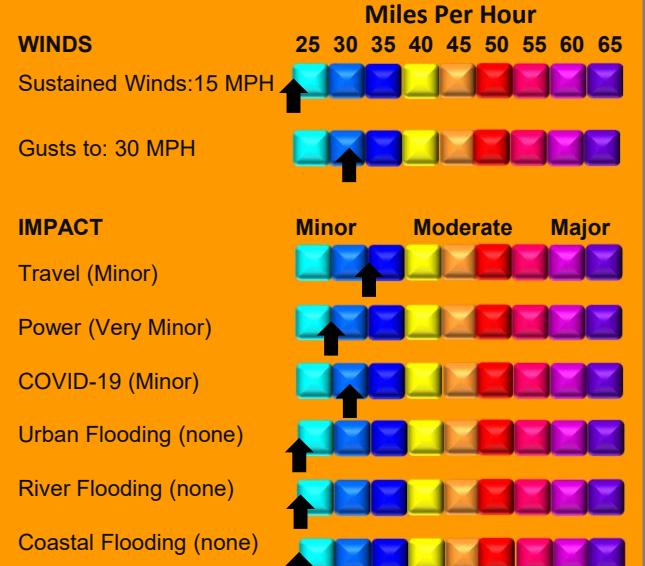
Rest of This Morning: Any rain is expected to slowly change over to wet snow in southern Connecticut by 11:00 AM. There is expected to be a period of moderate wet snow from now until 11:00 AM in northern and central CT where a few valley roads may be briefly coated with slush on ramps and bridges and the hilltop roads coated with snow. The impact on travel for the rest of this morning is expected to be minor across most of the state with temperatures holding in the mid 30's. An isolated moderate travel impact is possible in the highest hill towns where temps could drop below freezing for a few hours.

This Afternoon: The wet snow is forecast to taper off and end by mid-afternoon. Total snow accumulation (see map) on grassy surfaces is expected to range from 2" – 4" above 1,000 feet in the NW and NE Hills, 1" – 3" below 1,000 feet in the NW and NE hills and less than 1" across central and southern Connecticut. Accumulations on roads are expected to be half as much. High temperatures are forecast to be in the mid 30's. No impact on the afternoon rush hour is expected.

Tonight: The first hard freeze of the season is expected tonight with a freeze warning in effect for southern CT where a hard freeze has not yet occurred this season. Lows are forecast to range from near 20 F in the NW hills to the mid 20's along the coast. Some black ice may form from left over moisture on a few roads.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor this storm event. However, this will be the final update unless the forecast changes.

FORECAST IMPACTS FOR TODAY



WET SNOW FORECAST FOR TODAY

