



WINTER STORM UPDATE DESPP / DEMHS 8:00 AM MONDAY MARCH 14TH

WET HEAVY SNOW OVERNIGHT HAS CAUSED SOME POWER OUTAGES IN THE WESTERN HILLS...LULL IN THE SNOWFALL EXPECTED THIS MORNING...MODERATE TO HEAVY WET SNOW FORECAST TO RETURN THIS AFTERNOON...

Two areas of low pressure are now impacting conditions over Connecticut. A weak low is moving into Eastern CT at this time. The main low is curving towards Cape Cod. At 7:45 AM radar showed light mixed precipitation falling across most of the state. A rain/snow line is currently running along the margins of higher elevations (see yellow dashed line on map). A band of moderate to heavy wet snow is falling northeast of the Danbury area. A band of rain stretches across far eastern CT with wet snow in the NE Hills. Up to 10" of snow has fallen thus far in the NW hills. Eversource and UI are currently reporting 3600 customers without power in the NW hills. Temperatures currently range from the low 30's in the NW hills up to the mid 40's along the southeast coast. East winds are gusting to 30 - 40 mph at times along the coast. Here's the latest forecast:

This Morning: A morning lull is underway as a dry slot moves across the state between now and 11:00 AM. The rain/snow line may actually move north at times.

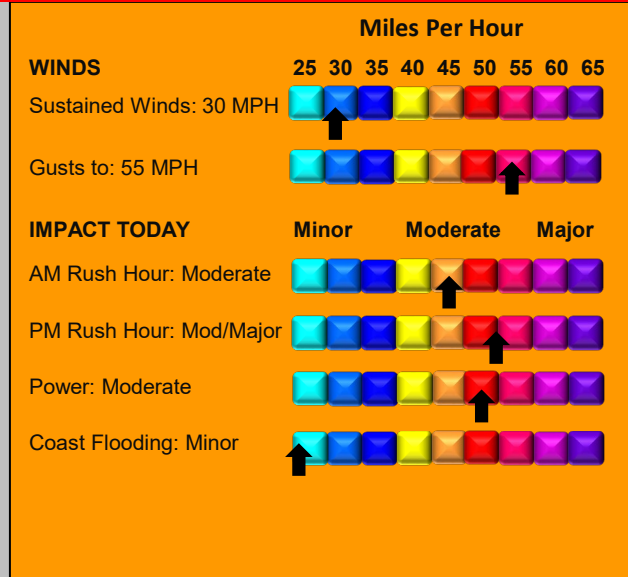
This Afternoon: Moderate to heavy wet snow is expected to return and overspread the entire state during the early afternoon. The wet snow combined with strong north winds will likely cause significant additional power outages during the afternoon. Moderate to potentially major impacts are expected on afternoon driving conditions and power outages with snowfall rates over 1" inch per hour at times.

Tonight: The heavy wet snow is forecast to taper down to bands of light to moderate snow that may continue overnight. Strong northwest winds gusting to 40 - 50 MPH will continue to cause additional power outages.

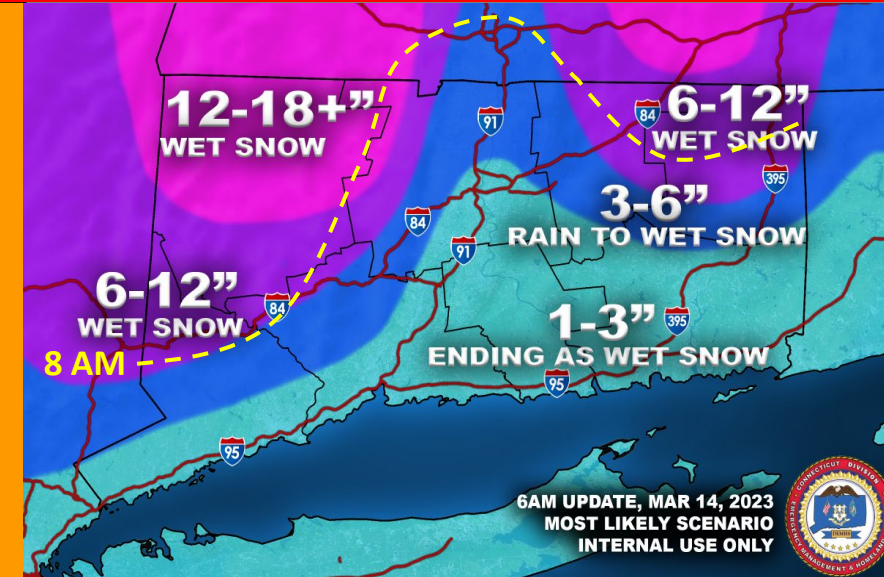
Wednesday Morning: Any lingering bands of light snow should end around daybreak. A minor to moderate impact is expected for the morning rush hour with slush and some black ice on some roads.

DESPP / DEMHS will continue to closely monitor this winter storm. The next update will be sent out at 10:00 AM this morning.

EXPECTED IMPACTS TODAY



SNOWFALL FORECAST/CURRENT RAIN/SNOW LINE



Maximum Hourly Snow/Sleet/Rain and Temperature Forecast

