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HEAVY SNOW, WINDS LEAVE THOUSANDS WITHOUT POWER, CREWS ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK

Restoration Efforts Are Expected to Continue Into Friday

New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management is coordinating the State's response to Wednesday's Nor'easter from the State Emergency Operations Center as crews work around the clock to clear roads and restore power.

"Crews are addressing power outages as quickly as possible, but a few towns will be without power at least into Friday," Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Perry Plummer said. "If you are without power, call your utility. The best thing to do now is to stay home and avoid unnecessary travel so road crews and restoration crews can work quickly. If you do head out, remember to go slow, watch for children playing and people cleaning up, and give plows and crews plenty of space."

The storm dropped heavy, wet snow Wednesday into Thursday with additional inches expected this morning. The National Weather Service reported that much of the State received 6 to 12 inches and reported 18 inches had fallen in Sunapee by 8 a.m. Thursday. The storm will continue to produce snowfall rates of 1 to 3 inches per hour in central New Hampshire through Thursday morning. Snow will end from south to north beginning around noon with snow showers continuing in the North Country through the evening.

The snow combined with 35 mph wind gusts knocking down trees and wires and causing thousands of outages concentrated along the seacoast. As of Thursday morning, more than 60,000 customers were without power and more than 250 crews were working to make restorations. Crews have worked continuously since Wednesday to clear roads and restore power and will restore power to a substantial number of customers today. However, some restoration efforts will continue into Friday and possibly into the weekend.

Plummer asked that everyone check on friends and neighbors when safe to do so and made the following safety recommendations:

- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn more about keeping safe during emergencies
- Signup for NH Alerts, the State's emergency notification system to receive location-specific safety information. Also, download the app.
- Monitor National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports to keep track of changing conditions.
- Avoid any unnecessary travel.



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- Drive slowly and allow extra space between vehicles and around plows and emergency workers.
- Watch for children playing and people cleaning up, particularly around snow banks and in areas of limited visibility.
- Clear cars off completely, including the roof, around lights and license plates.
- Check on the welfare of neighbors who may need assistance.
- If you encounter a downed power line, stay away from the line and notify the electric utility or call 911.
- Report power outages to the local utility.
 - Eversource (800) 662-7764
 - Liberty Utilities (800) 375-7413
 - NH Electric Co-op (800) 343-6432
 - Until Capital Area: (800) 852-3339, Seacoast Region: (800) 582-7276
- Use flashlights, rather than candles, for emergency lighting.
- Do not use a gas range or oven as an alternate source of heat.
- Only use a generator that has been wired to the house electrical service by a professional electrician.
- Never run a generator inside a building or in an enclosed space.
- Keep outside vents for heaters and stoves clear of snow, as clogged vents may also pose carbon monoxide dangers.
- Clear three feet around fire hydrants.
- Do not over exert yourself cleaning up from the storm.
- Stay off ponds and lakes as the ice is too thin and hazards may be hidden by snow.

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