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UPDATE

HSEM TEAMS TO COMPLETE INITIAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS FRIDAY

State Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) teams have begun the damage assessment process with state and local partners today as the agency continues to coordinate the state response and recovery to the storm that caused significant statewide damage, flooding and power outages Monday.

“The initial damage assessments are the first step in the process of requesting federal assistance,” HSEM Director Perry Plummer said. “We will have the initial damage assessments completed Friday. Based on the results of the initial damage assessments, FEMA could be here as early as next week.”

If you have sustained damage to your home or business, call 2-1-1 to apply for assistance, he said.

Currently, 55,000 customers in New Hampshire are without power. At the height of the outages, more than 270,000 customers were without power, the fourth largest outage in the State.

“Crews are working exceptionally hard to restore power to every citizen and emergency response agencies are working with municipalities to make warming centers and shelters available for anyone who is still in need,” Plummer said. “Anyone seeking shelter or a warming center can call 2-1-1 for the latest shelter and warming center information.”

Plummer said travelers should expect to encounter roads that have been closed because of damage. For your safety, even if the road looks fine, do not drive on a closed road, he said.

Plummer provided the following details regarding the storm and the recovery:

- No significant injuries or deaths have been reported.
- The State Emergency Operations Center has remained open since midnight Sunday.
- All rivers in the State will have fallen below flood stage by Wednesday evening.



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- More than 600 crews are expected to have power restored statewide by Friday.
- Homeowners and local businesses should call 2-1-1 to report storm damage as the State assesses what volunteer services are available to assist with clean up and recovery.
- Anyone seeking a shelter or warming center can call 2-1-1 for the latest availability
- For the latest road closure information, travelers can go to newengland511.org
- For the latest official statistics and storm information follow NH HSEM on *Twitter* at https://twitter.com/NH_HSEM and *Facebook* at <https://www.facebook.com/NH.HSEM>.
- For information on regarding how you can prepare for a storm and the latest storm information, go to ReadyNH.gov

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