Winter Storm Warning, and Winter Storm Watch in Effect

Local News

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The National Weather Service in Seattle has issued a Winter Storm Warning for all of Western Washington until Tuesday morning when they will issue a Winter Storm Watch. Conditions will vary throughout the County, however forecasts indicate all areas will experience significant snowfall over the next few days. Please monitor television and radio for up to date forecasts. Grays Harbor County Emergency Management will continue to monitor the weather and remain in contact with the National Weather Service to provide you with the most up to date local forecast information. Snow amounts will vary throughout the County. **All areas are expected to see significant snowfall**. Coastal areas will see lesser amounts. North County (Humptulips, Copalis Crossing) and East County (Montesano, Elma, Oakville & McCleary)will see a great deal more.The snow will be extremely wet and heavy and may cause structural issues if significant amounts fall. If the snow changes to rain earlier than expected, ponding of water will become an issue. There will an arctic air mass dropping from the North meeting up with a wet Western Storm. The storm has the potential to be very severe for all areas of Grays Harbor County and could possibly be compared to the December 1996, Winter Storm. Snow amounts for the coast to East County will be 2-7” into tonight. **All weather models indicate snow fall for Tuesday night into Wednesday accumulating 6-12” for all areas of Grays Harbor County.** It is too early to tell the impacts the snowfall will have upon rivers in the County. GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY FORECAST **Monday** – Scattered Snow showers depending on location. The Coast will see a rain and snow mix with under 1” snowfall expected. North County and East County will see 1-2 “ of snowfall today. Aberdeen & Hoquiam will see up to 1” of snowfall.**Monday Night** - Scattered Snow showers depending on location. The Coast will see a rain and snow mix with under 1” snowfall expected. North County and East County will see an additional 2-4 “ of snowfall tonight. Aberdeen & Hoquiam will see an additional 1-3” of snowfall.**Tuesday** - Scattered Snow showers depending on location. The Coast will see snow showers with under 1” snowfall expected. North County and East County will see an additional 1-3 “ of snowfall today. Aberdeen & Hoquiam will see an additional 1-3” of snowfall.**Tuesday Night** - **Snow in all locations**. The Coast will see 2-4” of snowfall. North County and East County will see an additional 2-4 “ of snowfall tonight. Aberdeen & Hoquiam will see an additional 2-4” of snowfall.**Wednesday** - **Heavy Snow in the County**. The Coast will see new snow accumulations of 2-4.” North County and East County will see new accumulations of heavy snow ranging between 5-10” today. Aberdeen & Hoquiam will see heavy snow with additional accumulations of 5-9.”**Grays Harbor County Emergency Management is urging all citizens to prepare for this severe weather event. If you don’t need to be out on the road, please stay home and allow road crews time to clear roadways. If you must travel, GO SLOW and beware of icing conditions. Visibility will be reduced during any snowfall event. This weather event could trigger local power outages. DO NOT USE FUEL POWERED GENERATORS OR HEATERS INDOORS, NEAR WINDOWS OR DOORS. Carbon monoxide poisoning is deadly and can strike suddenly and without warning. Physical symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include splitting headache, nausea, vomiting, lethargy and fatigue. If you or a family member believes that they could be experiencing carbon monoxide**

poisoning, get out of the property and call 911 immediately from a neighbor's home.