Large Winter Storm Arriving Tonight

Local News

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The National Weather Service in Seattle has issued a Winter Storm Advisory for today. A Winter Storm Warning will be issued this evening for all of Western Washington. Conditions will vary throughout the County, however forecasts indicate all areas will experience significant snowfall into Wednesday afternoon. 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. Colder temperatures and snow will arrive this evening. 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. **All weather models indicate significant snowfall for tonight into Wednesday accumulating a total of 6-12” for all areas of Grays Harbor County. The snow will begin after midnight and continue into mid-day tomorrow.** It is too early to tell the impact the snowfall will have upon rivers in the County. GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY FORECAST **Tuesday** - **Scattered Snow showers** depending on location. The Coast will see snow showers with under 1” snowfall expected and wind gusts to 30 mph. North County and East County may see an additional 1-3 “ of snowfall today. Aberdeen & Hoquiam will may 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 3-5 “ of snowfall tonight. Aberdeen & Hoquiam will see an additional 2-4” of snowfall.**Wednesday Morning and Afternoon**- **Heavy Snow in the County**. The Coast will see new snow accumulations of 3-7” and gusty winds. North County and East County will see new accumulations of heavy snow ranging between 6-12”. Aberdeen & Hoquiam will see heavy snow with additional accumulations of 6-10.”**Freezing rain will follow the snowfall and create further hazardous conditions on the roads. Thursday and Friday** – **3-4” of heavy rainfall expected.** There is an increased possibility of small stream and river flooding.**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.**