



**SIGNIFICANT WINTER STORM EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON...  
 MODERATE TO MAJOR RUSH HOUR IMPACT POSSIBLE ACROSS THE STATE...**

Towns are reminded to review their Emergency Operations Plans...

The latest computer models continue to forecast that a complex and significant winter storm will impact our area this afternoon, lasting into Thursday. A low pressure system is forecast to move into the Great Lakes today and re-develop off the New Jersey Coast tonight. The following forecast is based on the latest model and radar data:

**This Morning...**Increasing cloudiness early this morning with temperatures rising slowly from around 30 F into the mid to upper 30's by Noon.

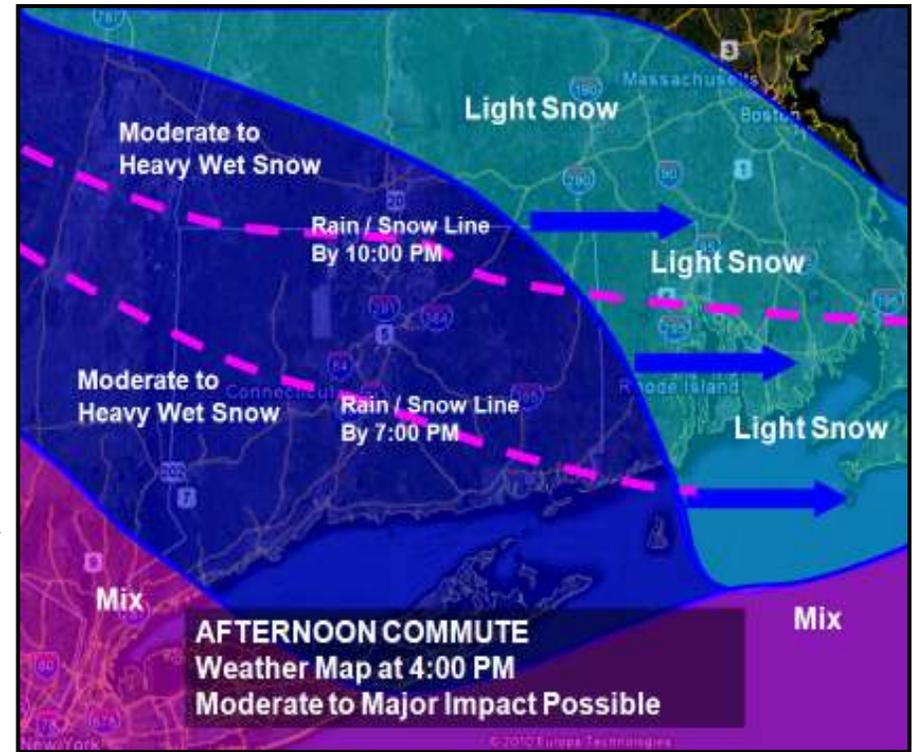
**This Afternoon...** Snow moving into the state from West to East between 11:30 AM (Western CT), 12:30 PM (Hartford Area), 1:30 PM (Eastern CT). The snow is expected to quickly become moderate to heavy at times (up to 1" per hour) within a few hours of starting. Snow, moderate to heavy at times is forecast to continue for several hours before changing to a mix in Southwestern CT by 4:00 PM and into the Hartford area by 8:00 PM.

**Tonight and Thursday...**Mixed precipitation in Northern CT with mostly rain in Central and Southern CT becoming lighter by 9:00 PM and continuing overnight. Lows in the 30's. Some glazing is possible in the colder valleys. The precipitation is expected to end gradually as light snow during the day on Thursday with highs in the 30's.

The main threat from this storm will be from a 4 – 6 hour period of moderate to heavy snow that is forecast to move into Connecticut at noon today. Temperatures are expected to drop from the upper 30's into the low 30's at the start of the snow and roads are expected to become quickly snow and slush covered within a few hours. A moderate to major impact is possible during the afternoon rush hour with low visibilities, moderate to heavy falling snow and snow cover on roads making driving very hazardous especially in Northern CT.

Total accumulations before the changeover to mixed precipitation are currently expected to range from 1 – 3 inches in Southern CT, 3 - 5 inches in the Hartford Area and up to 7 inches in the NW Hills. Accumulations will tend to be higher on grassy surfaces and less on roadways.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest forecasts and will issue another update at 11:30 AM this morning.



**FORECAST WEATHER MAP FOR THIS AFTERNOON AT 4:00 PM**



**CURRENT WATCHES AND WARNINGS**

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