



INCIDENT REPORT

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Winter Storm Update

Cleanup continues following a major winter storm that brought heavy snow and freezing rain to much of Wisconsin in the last 24 hours. A Blizzard Warning was issued on Wednesday afternoon for seven counties in the East Central region. As of 2 p.m., just a few counties mainly along Lake Michigan were under a Winter Storm Warning or Advisory.

State of Emergency

Governor Walker on Wednesday declared a State of Emergency as a precautionary measure in response to the severe weather predicted for Wisconsin. The declaration was to ensure all state resources including the Wisconsin National Guard were ready to respond if needed. Last night, the Wisconsin National Guard activated 109 traditional guard soldiers, and 36 full time guard members, to create 16 response teams. Those teams were prepositioned in 9 armories in the path of the storm and would assist local authorities to help with stranded motorists and perform welfare checks. The Guard is now in the process of demobilizing.

Preliminary Snow Totals

The National Weather Service continues to gather snow totals from across the state. The largest amounts were recorded in the West Central and East Central portions of the state. Below are the preliminary snow totals as of 2:00 p.m.:

Langlade Co. 13"
Augusta 12.5"
Black River Falls 11.7"
Buffalo 10.5"
Merrill 10"
Arcadia 10"
River Falls 8"
Eau Claire 7.5"
Green Bay 7.3"
LaCrosse 6.5"
Marquette Co 6"
Appleton 5.8"

In addition, rain, sleet and freezing rain caused slippery roads and highways this morning across southern Wisconsin. The National Weather Service reports that several areas received 1/10 to 3/10 of an inch of ice associated with the storms. Both Ozaukee and Washington Counties received the highest amounts of ice. Several areas reported power outages due to downed powerlines and trees on powerlines.

Flooding Outlook

Temperatures the next few days will be in the 40's and 50's and will cause the snow to melt. Local and state officials will continue to monitor rivers for flooding.

River Flooding

- Wolf River at New London (Waupaca Co) is at minor flood stage but is expected to recede with no impact to businesses or homes.
- Fox River at Berlin (Green Lake Co) is at minor flood stage and will then recede with no impact to businesses or homes.
- Wisconsin River at Portage (Columbia Co) is being monitored and expected to rise over the next few days due to runoff and melting snow. The river is not expected to reach minor flood stage with current available information.
- Heavy rainfall from last week is making its way down the Mississippi River, along with forecasted rainfall that is expected to push the river above flood stage.

Flood Warnings:

- Mississippi River from McGregor to Guttenberg, IA from March 25, 0100 until March 27, 1300.
- Fox River near Berlin affecting Green Lake, Waushara and Winnebago Counties.
- Wolf River near at New London affecting Outagamie, Waupaca and Winnebago Counties.

Wisconsin Emergency Management continues monitoring the situation and will update this information as it comes in. Updates can also be found at: <http://ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov> or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ReadyWisconsin), Twitter (www.twitter.com/ReadyWisconsin) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/ReadyWisconsin).

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