## GOV. MALLOY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY; TRAVEL BAN IN EFFECT BEGINNING AT 9PM TONIGHT

Update to the Public at 5:02 p.m. Today

Governor Malloy has <u>declared a State of Emergency</u> in preparation for the coming blizzard, which is anticipated to heavily impact the state tonight through Tuesday. In addition, the Governor announced that <u>a travel ban for all roads</u> is in effect beginning at 9:00 p.m. tonight.

"People need to take this storm seriously," said Governor Malloy. "If current predictions are accurate, we will need people to stay off the roads so that emergency personnel and utility crews can get to the places they need to get to, and to make sure that our plows can keep critical roadways clear."

The Governor will update the public at 5:02 p.m. this evening on the impending storm from the state Emergency Operations Center in Hartford. The Governor is also encouraging people to monitor the media for up-to-date information on the storm.

## Call CL&P at 800-286-2000 to report an outage.

- Text the word "outage," followed by a space and your zip code, to 24612.
- Follow on Twitter @CTLightandPower
- Visit us at facebook.com/ctlightandpower and www.cl-p.com.
- Customers are reminded to stay away from downed power lines and call 9-1-1 to report them.

For additional info on winter weather preparedness go to <a href="https://www.redcross.org">www.redcross.org</a>.

## GOV. MALLOY ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO BE PREPARED AND TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS FOR POSSIBLE BLIZZARD CONDITIONS

Blizzard Warning Issued for Entire State

With the latest forecast calling for blizzard conditions across parts of the state, Governor Dannel P. Malloy is asking residents to be prepared and take the necessary precautions for a significant snowstorm that will impact the state Monday evening through Tuesday.

"Although storms can be unpredictable, this storm has the potential to have a significant impact on the state and we need to be prepared," Governor Malloy said. "Just as the state is monitoring and preparing, the public should do the same."

"The Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) is monitoring this storm very closely and is prepared to coordinate any potential state response," Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Commissioner Dora B. Schriro said.

DEMHS is also participating in National Weather Service conference calls to get the latest information on the storms track and is sending out regular updates to all municipalities and tribal nations.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation will have its entire fleet of snow plows, including 12 loader-mounted snow blowers, prepared to deploy. The residual road treatment from the previous weekend storm will help in the efforts to pretreat the roads.

Governor Malloy will be providing the state with additional updates as conditions warrant.

In order to be prepared for any type of emergency situation, the Governor encourages residents to have an emergency supply kit and follow some basic preparedness tips.

## Items to be included in the emergency kit:

- One gallon of bottled water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food for you and your pet
- A three-day supply of prescription medication
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- A whistle to signal for help
- Moist towelettes
- Plastic trash bags and ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Extra fuel (stored in a safe container) for the power generator

Additional preparedness tips:

- In the event emergency travel is necessary, fill up your car with gas, check oil and windshield fluid levels
- Sign up for emergency alerts at <u>www.ctalert.gov</u>
- And always, check on your neighbor

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The links below offer some instructions that may help many of your residents in preparing for the weather.

<u>Winter Weather - Preparedness</u>

Winter Weather - Preparedness - American Sign Language

Winter Weather - Home Preparedness

After Frozen Pipes Burst

**Building a Winter Survival Kit for Your Car** 

<u>Downed Electrical Line Safety</u> <u>Fire Hydrants - Snow Removal</u> <u>Food Safety During Power Outages</u>

Generator Usage / Safety
How to Dress for Winter

How to Drive Safely in Snow

Winter Weather

Awareness

How to Recognize and Treat Frostbite

How to Recognize and Treat Hypothermia

How to Survive Falling Through the Ice

How to Winterize Your Car

Keep Your Gas Meter Clear of Snow and Ice

Ice Storm - Preparedness

<u>Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning</u> Safely Removing Snow from Your Roof

**Snowplow Safety** 

What is the Wind Chill Index?

Winter Fire Safety
Winter Pet Safety

Winter Weather Watches, Advisories and Warnings