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Winter Returns to Wisconsin Winter Storm Warnings in effect for much of the state

(MADISON) – It's been a mild winter so far especially in southern Wisconsin, but that is about to change. A significant winter storm will hit Wisconsin later tonight and will continue thru Friday that could impact travel. The National Weather Service is predicting southeast and south central Wisconsin could receive 6-9 inches of snow. In addition, some parts of extreme northern Wisconsin could see a foot of snow.

Now is the time to get ready for the storm. Get your vehicles and home ready. Here are a few simple things you can do:

- Have an **emergency winter weather survival kit** in your vehicle. Your kit should include water, snack food such as energy bars or raisins, first aid kit and booster cables. If you have a cell phone make sure you have a power adapter you can plug into the lighter. You can find more tip kits on our website... <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>
- **Check the roads and take your time.** Call 511 or go to www.511wi.gov for the latest road conditions across Wisconsin. You can also go to our website for a regional travel map which covers North and South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Missouri and Wisconsin. <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/511/default.asp>. Make sure you plan extra time if you travel. Roads may become icy and snow packed. Also, keep at least a half tank of gas in your vehicle in case of an emergency and let friends and family know where you are traveling to and when you should arrive.
- **Get supplies for your home.** Make sure your home emergency kit is stocked with food that can be stored and eaten without electricity, in case there is a power outage. Also, make sure you have extra water, flashlights with extra batteries and medications. For a complete list of kit items go to our website: <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/kit/GetKit.asp>
- **Stay informed.** ReadyWisconsin will keep you posted on any emergencies that occur during the storm. Follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/readywisconsin) or Twitter (www.twitter.com/readywisconsin) for updates.