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## **Winter Storm Warning Heavy snow possible for much of Wisconsin**

(MADISON) – The National Weather Service has issued Winter Storm Advisories and Warnings for much of Wisconsin. Forecasters are tracking the strong storm producing heavy rain today which will change to snow overnight. Some parts of the state could see 6 and 9 inches of snow before the system passes through the state late Wednesday. The Wednesday morning commute may be difficult with hazardous road conditions due to ice, snow and blowing snow.

Arctic air then arrives Wednesday night with wind chills reaching -25 to -35 by Thursday night into Friday.

Be ready for the storm. 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 before you travel.** Call 511 or go to [www.511wi.gov](http://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>
- **Limit travel and get supplies for your home.** Depending on conditions in your area it may be safer to stay home Wednesday, if possible. Make sure your home emergency kit is stocked with food that can be stored and eaten without electricity. 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>
- **Limit exposure to dangerous cold.** With 30 below zero wind chills, frostbite can begin in as little as 10 minutes. Wear a warm hat and protect ears, nose and rest of face.
- **Stay informed.** ReadyWisconsin will keep you posted on any emergencies that occur during the storm. Follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/readywisconsin](http://www.facebook.com/readywisconsin)) or Twitter ([www.twitter.com/readywisconsin](http://www.twitter.com/readywisconsin)) for updates.

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