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Early Season Winter Storm Tracking Toward Wisconsin Up to six inches possible Monday

(MADISON) – Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and the National Weather Service (NWS) are monitoring the first major snowstorm of the season for the state. Both organizations are urging everyone to get ready for the storm.

Snow: At this time, the storm could dump up to six inches of snow through central Wisconsin. Lesser amounts of snow and rain/snow mix are expected elsewhere. The storm could begin early Monday and have an impact on both the morning and afternoon commute.

Cold: Highs only in the upper 20's and lower 30's are expected after the storm through the rest of the week.

Rapid Forecast Changes Possible: Because this storm is still several days away, both WEM and NWS urge residents to monitor the weather forecast over the weekend and into Monday for storm track changes.

Here are the precautions you and your family should take to keep safe.

- **Check the roads before you travel:** The Wisconsin Department of Transportation advises travelers check road conditions before leaving home by calling 5-1-1 or visiting www.511wi.gov. You may want to change your plans based on that information
- **Remember your winter driving skills:** Give yourself extra time to get to your destination. Put more distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you, slow down, and be gentle with both the accelerator and brakes. Don't be overconfident in your four-wheel drive vehicle. You may get going quicker than others but you can't stop faster. Four-wheel drive vehicles can lose traction as quickly as two wheel drive.
- **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 kit tips on the ReadyWisconsin website.. <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.
- **Stay informed:** ReadyWisconsin will keep you posted on the storm. Follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/readywisconsin) or Twitter (www.twitter.com/readywisconsin) for updates.
- **Winter Awareness Week:** November 10-14. Visit ReadyWisconsin for tips on getting your family and your home ready for winter.

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