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Winter Storm Warning Heavy snow with difficult travel conditions across Wisconsin

(MADISON) – A major winter storm is expected to hit most of Wisconsin in the next 24 hours that could impact statewide travel. The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for many counties as forecasters say some areas could receive up to a foot of snow.

A large mid-section of the state along a line from La Crosse to Marinette County is expected to receive 8 to 12 inches of snow. Lesser amounts are expected in the northwest and southeast corners of Wisconsin. Travel will be difficult starting early Tuesday morning with the initial burst of snow and strong winds creating limited visibility and challenging road conditions.

ReadyWisconsin is warning people about the upcoming storm and precautions you and your family should take to keep safe.

- **If you must travel** allow plenty of extra time for your trip. Also keep at least a half tank of gas in your vehicle and inform friends and family of your travel plans and approximate arrival time.
- **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.
- Have an **emergency winter weather survival kit** in your vehicle. Your kit should include water, snack food such as energy bars or raisins, blankets, 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 at ReadyWisconsin: <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/winter/HowToMakeAKit.asp>
- **Get supplies for your home.** Make sure your home emergency kit is stocked with food that can be stored and prepared without electricity.. For a complete list of kit items go to ReadyWisconsin at <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, Twitter and Instagram.

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