

# Town of Fairfield News

1/31/2021 - 1.31 WINTER STORM UPDATE (updated 2/1/21)

**Update 2/1/21 from First Selectwoman Kupchick:**

I appreciate everyone in our community for taking the advice to stay home and off the roads during the storm seriously.

Call volume for accidents have been low and our Department of Public Works has been fully staffed since very early this morning and working hard to clear the roads. Our Emergency Management Team has been monitoring the storm for days including all day today. Our First Responders have been standing at the ready and took extra precautions to be prepared to respond to any and all emergencies.

I'm grateful to our Department of Public Works, our Emergency Management Team and our first responders for their dedication and hard work ensuring our community is safe.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security just sent the following update that I hope is helpful.

**BANDS OF MODERATE SNOW CONTINUE TO MOVE INTO THE STATE FROM THE SOUTHEAST AS THE WINTER STORM CONTINUES IMPACTING THE STATE...**

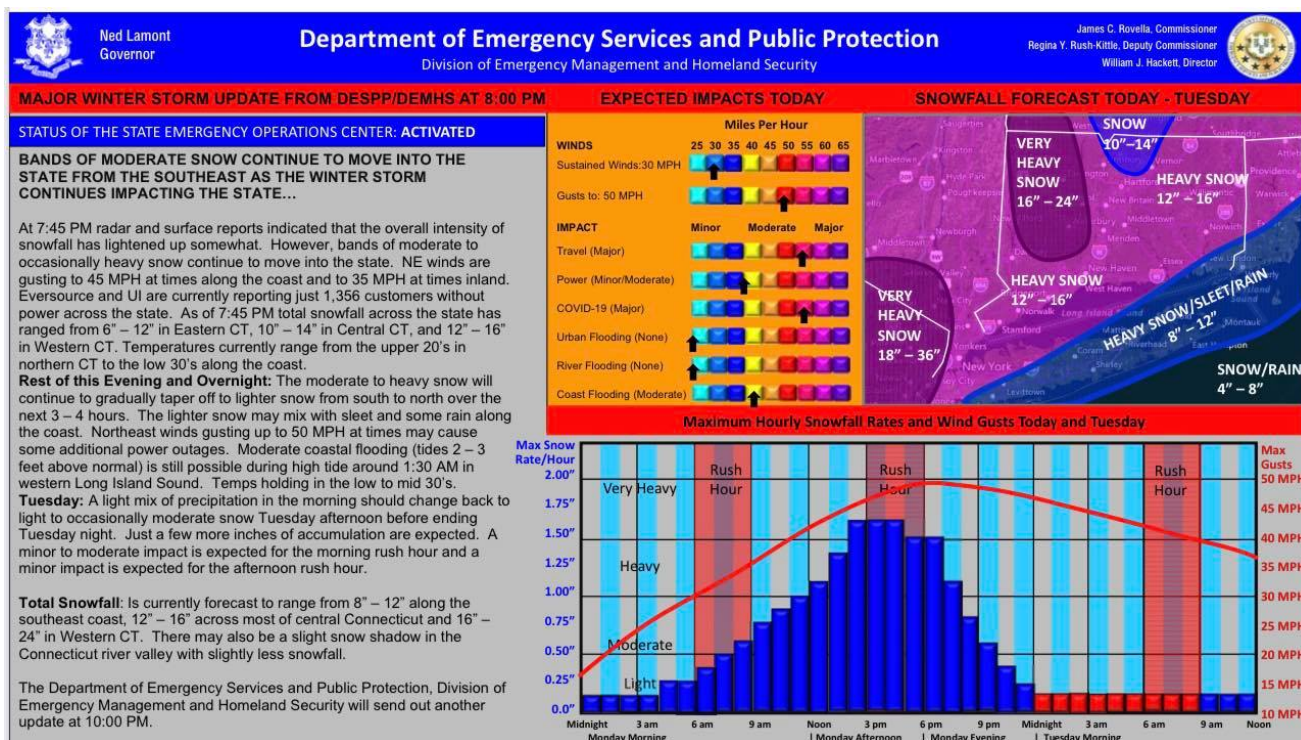
At 7:45 PM radar and surface reports indicated that the overall intensity of snowfall has lightened up somewhat. However, bands of moderate to occasionally heavy snow continue to move into the state. NE winds are gusting to 45 MPH at times along the coast and to 35 MPH at times inland. Eversource and UI are currently reporting just 1,356 customers without power across the state. As of 7:45 PM total snowfall across the state has ranged from 6" – 12" in Eastern CT, 10" – 14" in Central CT, and 12" – 16" in Western CT. Temperatures currently range from the upper 20's in northern CT to the low 30's along the coast.

Rest of this Evening and Overnight: The moderate to heavy snow will continue to gradually taper off to lighter snow from south to north over the next 3 – 4 hours. The lighter snow may mix with sleet and some rain along the coast. Northeast winds gusting up to 50 MPH at times may cause some additional power outages. Moderate coastal flooding (tides 2 – 3 feet above normal) is still possible during high tide around 1:30 AM in western Long Island Sound. Temps holding in the low to mid 30's.

**Tuesday:** A light mix of precipitation in the morning should change back to light to occasionally moderate snow Tuesday afternoon before ending Tuesday night. Just a few more inches of accumulation are expected. A minor to moderate impact is expected for the morning rush hour and a minor impact is expected for the afternoon rush hour.

Total Snowfall: Is currently forecast to range from 8" – 12" along the southeast coast, 12" – 16"

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe snow day.



**1/31/21:** A major winter storm is forecast to impact all of southern New England starting tonight and lasting until Tuesday evening. Today the Emergency Management Team has been activated to plan for and respond to a major winter storm forecast for our area. Up to 18 inches or more of snow is expected tomorrow. Town Hall and Schools will be closed. The State of CT has issued a ban on tractor trailers on CT Interstates. A parking ban is in effect for the beach area. We encourage all residents to stay home and stay safe so our dedicated DPW crews can clear the roads. Please refer to the [Town of Fairfield Storm Page](#) for detailed advisories.



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## FORECAST:

**Tonight:** Light snow spreading slowly from southwest to northeast across the state between 11:00 PM and 4:00 AM. The snow is forecast to remain light overnight (snowfall rates around 1/4" per hour) with low temperatures in the teens.

**Monday Morning:** Light snow around daybreak is forecast to become moderate by mid morning and then heavy at times by noon with snowfall rates approaching 1" per hour. A minor impact is expected for the morning rush hour with a light coating of snow on most roads. The impact may become moderate by noon. Temps rising from the low to mid 20's.

**Monday Afternoon:** Heavy snow (snowfall rates up to 1" - 2" per hour) with highs in the upper 20's. Even heavier snow is possible if any persistent bands set up inside the dashed line on the snowfall map. Northeast winds gusting up to 55 MPH at times by late afternoon may cause whiteout conditions and some scattered power outages. A major impact is likely for the afternoon rush hour with several inches of snow on roads and heavy snow falling. Minor coastal flooding (tides 1 - 2 feet above normal) is also possible during high tide around 1:00 PM in western Long Island Sound.

**Monday Night:** Heavy snow during the evening should taper off to light snow by midnight and change over to a mix of snow/sleet and rain in southeastern CT. Northeast winds gusting up to 50 MPH at times may cause some

additional scattered power outages. Temps holding in the low to mid 30's. Moderate coastal flooding (tides 2 – 3 feet above normal) is possible during high tide around 1:30 AM in western Long Island Sound.

**Tuesday:** A light mix of precipitation in the morning should change back to light snow Tuesday afternoon before ending Tuesday night. A moderate impact is expected for the morning rush hour and a minor impact is expected for the afternoon rush hour.

**Total Snowfall:** Is currently forecast to range from 8" – 12" in southeastern CT, 12" – 18" across the rest of the state and perhaps over 18" if any heavy banding occurs.

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