



## **SNOW, WIND, AND RAIN EQUALS....**



We had a nice weekend snowstorm with over 12 inches of snow falling in some parts of Kent. But, as we've come to expect, nothing lasts forever! The snow on the ground, coupled with projected warmer weather, high winds, and rain presents us with the potential for flooding from Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday evening. Our friends at Eversource have provided the following information so we can plan accordingly...

### **OVERVIEW**

- The forecast for the next weather system to impact the state Tuesday afternoon into Wednesday (January 9-10), has predictions for moderate to heavy rainfall of 2-3 inches with some snow in the northwest hills, and hazard-level winds lasting from Tuesday evening through Wednesday afternoon.
- Sustained winds are predicted to range statewide from 16-35 mph with peak wind gusts ranging from 45-50 mph here in the Northwest hills.
- Forecast models also raise the possibility that later Wednesday, on the backend of the storm, there will be a secondary wind event with slightly lower gusts of 25-35 mph.
- Wind gusts at these levels combined with the saturated ground from the expected heavy rain and the snowmelt from the previous

snowstorm, have the potential to bring down trees and limbs onto our electric equipment and may limit our ability to respond to community priorities and outages during the peak of the storm.

- The melting snowfall and additional rain will likely result in flooding, adding complexity to restoration.

#### **RESOURCE PLANNING**

- Eversource's Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs) in Hartford, New London and Newtown will open Tuesday evening, January 9, at 6 p.m.
- Additional out-of-state crew resources have been secured for Tuesday's weather event ahead of impact.

#### **REMEMBER:**

- Don't touch any downed wires
- Pick up any loose items around your yard
- Pick out a good book or a favorite movie and keep the generator filled up (if you have one)
- If you do have an outage, call Eversource at: 800-286-2000

The Kent Emergency Management Team will be in contact with the State DEMHS and Eversource EOC in Newtown and is standing by to assist in any way possible. Stay tuned to TV, Radio, Facebook, and other social media for updates. Most of all, stay safe and look out for your neighbor!

**Any questions, please reach out to me.**

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