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Winter Storm Watch Heavy snow possible for southern Wisconsin

(MADISON) – The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Watch for southern Wisconsin starting Thursday morning and continuing through early Friday morning. Forecasters are tracking the storm coming from the Dakotas. Depending on the path of this storm, snow accumulations of 3 to 6 inches or more are possible. Snow could fall at a heavy rate of one inch an hour in the early and late afternoon. Forecasters say this snow will be wet and slushy limiting the effects of blowing and drifting.

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 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>
- **Get supplies for your home.** Depending on conditions it may be safer to stay home. 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>
- **Stay informed.** ReadyWisconsin will keep you posted on any emergencies that occur during the storm. Follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/readywisconsin) or Twitter (www.twitter.com/readywisconsin) for updates.

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