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Leap Year Storm Headed Toward Wisconsin Winter Storm Warnings and Advisories Posted

(MADISON) – A major winter storm is heading towards northern and central Wisconsin. The National Weather Service has issued Winter Storm Warnings and Advisories for most of the northern part of the state starting Tuesday night into Wednesday evening. Forecasters are tracking a large low pressure system moving through Iowa into Wisconsin. Snow accumulations of 10 to 14 inches or more are possible north of Highway 29. Snow could fall at two inches an hour overnight in some areas. Forecasters say a mix of sleet and rain is expected in southern Wisconsin with isolated thunderstorms possible. Winds will be from the east at 15-25 mph.

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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