



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



TO: State Agency Commissioners, State Agency Heads, Municipal Chief Executive Officers, Service Chiefs, and Emergency Management Directors

FROM: William P. Shea, Deputy Commissioner

DATE: February 20, 2014

RE: Snow and Ice Accumulation Caution

Current weather models are forecasting an active storm pattern, which is expected to continue for the next few weeks. For the next 4 days, temperatures will be above normal for this time of the year which will cause some limited melting of the deep snowpack. This will likely be offset by around ¼" - ½" of rain that may add some additional weight to existing roofs. However if any thunderstorms occur later this week, they may bring a quick inch of rainfall to parts of the state.

It is highly recommended that caution be exercised. Roof and deck loads, especially on flat roofs, common on state and municipal buildings, as well as agricultural facilities, should be monitored closely and cleared of snow and ice accumulation by appropriate personnel. People with concerns about their roof snow and ice loads should be encouraged to contact their local building official or, in case of an emergency, their local fire department.

If you have any questions or if you require any additional information, please contact your DEMHS Regional Coordinator.

Contact information for your DEMHS Regional Coordinator can be found at <http://www.ct.gov/demhs/cwp/view.asp?a=1903&q=295316&demhsNav=1>.

Sincerely,

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