



# Mississippi Emergency Management Agency News Release

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## **More Winter Weather Expected in Mississippi**

**PEARL** – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency urges residents to prepare for another round of wintry weather forecasted to hit the state this afternoon and tonight.

A winter storm warning will go into effect at noon today and includes areas along the Interstate 20 corridor and north. The National Weather Service predicts the latest round of winter weather will bring snow to much of the northern half of the state beginning this afternoon in the Delta. Some areas along Interstate 20 and south will see rain changing into snow by late afternoon or evening. The forecast calls for up to 6 inches of snow for parts of the delta with lighter accumulations further south.

The snow is expected to cause travel problems where roads, bridges and overpasses could become slick and dangerous. It is recommended that if you do not have to be on the roads in the snowy areas tonight to please stay home.

MEMA recommends the following safety tips during winter storms:

- Stay home and do not drive on snowy or icy roads.
- Have a fully stocked emergency supply kit.
- Stay clear of downed power lines. Even if the electricity appears to have been turned off, leave the lines alone. Do not try to move them yourself.
- Only operate generators outdoors. Do not operate a generator inside your home or garage.
- Turn off all home appliances to prevent a surge once the power is turned on again.
- Be cautious when using alternative heat sources. Do not use a stove for heat because it can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Letting water drip from a faucet during extremely cold weather can relieve water pressure and help prevent pipes from freezing. If you suspect your pipes are frozen and may have burst, turn off your water at the main shut-off valve and call a plumber.

For more information visit us online at [www.msema.org](http://www.msema.org). For the latest forecast information visit the National Weather Service at [www.srh.noaa.gov](http://www.srh.noaa.gov) and click on your area. MEMA will also post updates on its Facebook and Twitter pages.

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