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Winter Weather Expected in Northern Mississippi

Pearl – The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm watch for 10 counties in northern Mississippi beginning at 6 p.m. and continuing through noon Tuesday.

Below-freezing temperatures, icy precipitation and snow accumulations of three inches or more are possible in Alcorn, Benton, Itawamba, Lee, Marshall, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union counties. The heaviest accumulations will occur from midnight until 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Areas in the central portion of the state may also see some freezing precipitation, but accumulation is not expected.

Thursday, low temperatures are forecast to be in the 20s in many portions of the state.

MEMA urges residents to have a fully stocked emergency supply kit and to use extreme caution when operating alternative heat sources. Do not use a stove for heat because it can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

Stay home if possible and do not drive on snowy or icy roads. Bridges, culverts and overpasses often freeze before other parts of the roadway, and ice patches can be difficult to see.

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