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County Executive Neuhaus advises residents to prepare for this week's winter storm

Orange County will be under a Winter Storm Watch from late Monday night through Tuesday evening with projected snow accumulations of 12 to 18 inches

Goshen, N.Y. - Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus is urging residents to follow important safety tips to protect themselves and their families during the winter storm that is expected to hit the Hudson Valley early this week.

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Watch for Orange County, which is in effect from late Monday night through Tuesday evening.

“This could end up being the biggest storm that we have seen all winter and Orange County is prepared for it,” Neuhaus said. “I encourage all residents to take steps to stay safe and warm during the storm, including limiting travel if possible, and maintaining an emergency supply kit. You should also check on your elderly neighbors, friends, and relatives to make sure that they are safe and have the supplies and medications they need.”

According to the National Weather Service, approximately 12 to 18 inches of snow will accumulate in Orange County from late Monday night through Tuesday evening. The storm will be accompanied by wind gusts as high as 40 mph and visibility on the roads will be one half to one-quarter mile or less at times.

The National Weather Service recommends these tips to stay safe during winter storms and extremely cold weather:

- Only healthy individuals should shovel heavy, wet snow
- Always run generators outside (not in the garage)
- Minimize travel
- Stay indoors during the worst part of the extreme cold
- Keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle if you must travel
- Check tire pressure, antifreeze levels and heater/defroster, etc.
- Learn how to shut off water valves for potential pipe bursts
- Bring pets inside
- Weather-proof doors and windows to trap heat inside your home

“Residents should think safety first during this storm,” Orange County Commissioner of Emergency Services Brendan Casey said. “The snow that is expected to accumulate will certainly have an impact on the County and our Emergency Management team will monitor the storm closely. You should remain aware of weather advisories and follow all instructions in the event of an emergency.”

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For more information about storm-preparation efforts in Orange County as well as current weather advisories, please visit the Division of Emergency Management’s website at orangecountygov.com/dem, or its Facebook page, facebook.com/OrangeCountyEmergencyManagement/.

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