

Preparedness Briefing

CONNECTICUT



Friday, December 8, 2023, 12:45 p.m.

Eversource Closely Monitoring Potential for Gusty Winds and Heavy Rain

Operational Status: **Monitoring**

Electric Emergency Event Level 5: Planning activation for electric operations at ERP Level 5, at 6 p.m. Sunday, December 10. Currently in normal operation.

Gas Emergency Event Level 5: Planning activation for gas operations at ERP Level 5, at 6 p.m. Sunday, December 10. Currently in normal operation.

OVERVIEW

- Eversource is closely monitoring a strong, low-pressure system that will approach the region throughout the day on Sunday, bringing chances for widespread moderate to heavy rainfall and gusty winds. Wind gusts will likely approach hazard levels Sunday evening and continue overnight into Monday.
- Sustained winds will occur across the state at 35-40 mph and hazardous winds are predicted to peak at 60 mph closer to the southeast coastal areas.
- Monday, rainfall chances should diminish throughout the morning hours. Breezy winds will likely persist for much of the daylight hours Monday, but should slowly weaken through the day as the system exits the region.
- Eversource Electric is currently planning for a Level 5 ERP, indicating the potential for up to 125,000 customers without power.
- Heavy rain and gusty winds can cause trees and tree limbs to come down on wires and electrical equipment.
- Eversource is actively working to secure external resources to be in Connecticut ahead of impact.
- Additional briefings and ERP declarations will be issued as forecasted storm impacts evolve.

RESOURCE PLANNING

- Eversource Electric will activate its Incident Management Team (IMT) on Sunday, December 10, at 6 p.m.
- Eversource's Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs) in Hartford, New London and Newtown will open at 6 a.m. on Monday, December 11.
- Internal staffing, material and resource assessments are underway.

GAS OPERATIONS

- Gas Operations does not expect wind-related impacts from the storm, but is ensuring that all below-ground infrastructure is drained of rainwater.
- Gas will have additional crews working during the day and overnight Sunday into Monday to monitor any issues and ensure continued drainage.

PRE-STORM COMMUNICATIONS

- Outbound calls to medically coded customers will be made today, December 8.
- A news release will be issued today, December 8.
- Regulatory Affairs has notified state regulators and other state agencies.
- Eversource Community Relations is communicating with municipal officials.
- Eversource social media is sharing information on how customers can prepare for the weather and report an outage.

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