

Merging storms to bring sleet, snow, and rain to the South Coast

A storm in the southern U.S. and another close to the Canadian border in the north formed 1,000 miles apart Tuesday night then began to move on a collision course. The combined storms will eventually merge and arrive on the eastern seaboard and dump an absolute mess on the South Coast.

The converged storm will bring with it everything from snow, drenching rain, and sleet to high wind gusts, thunder and lightning. The timing of the storm with a high-tide and extremely heavy downpours may bring significant coastal flooding that could overwhelm some storm drains and lead to pooling on some area highways.



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What makes this converged storm a weather hazard is that the southern, warmer storm brings the thunder, lightning, and rain

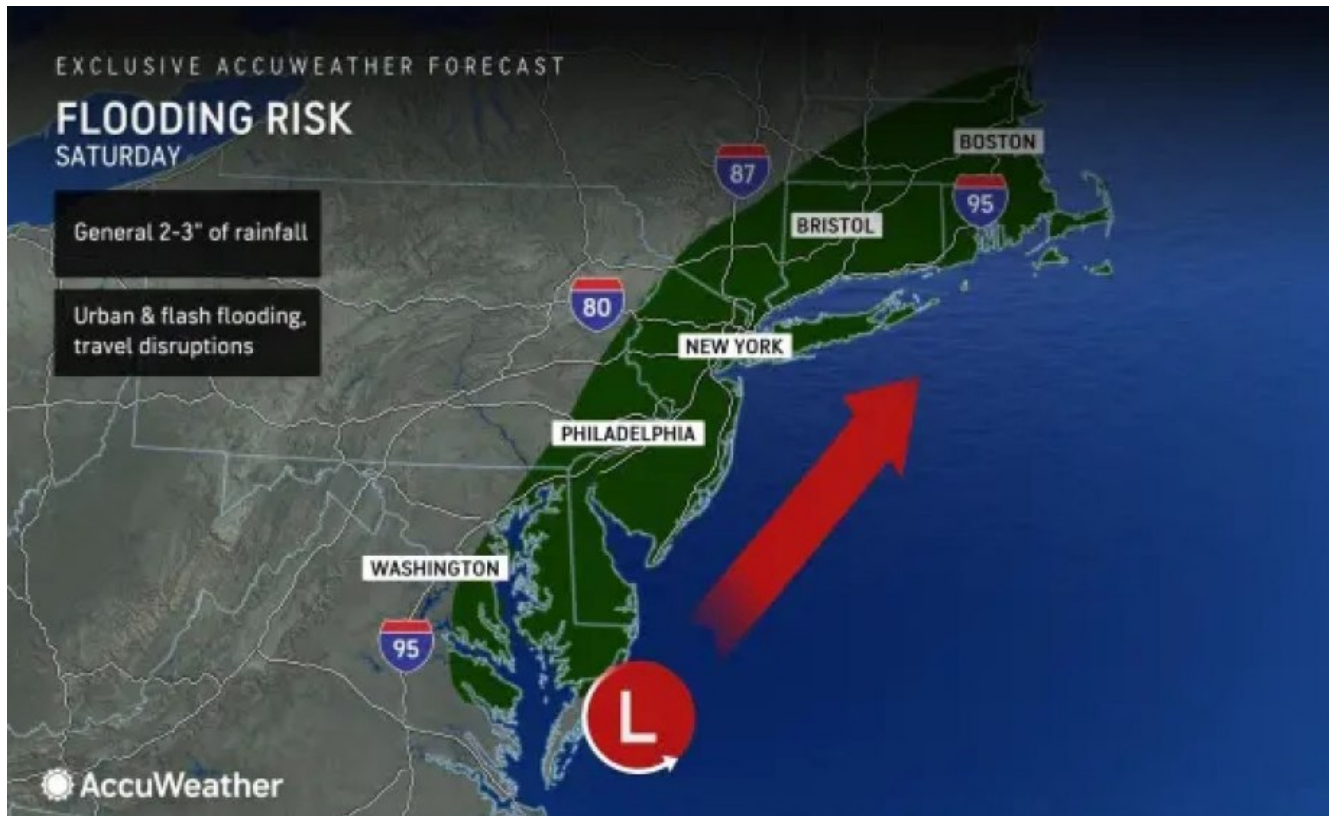
and the colder northern storm will bring the colder temperatures, snow, sleet and wintry conditions. A double whammy.

While the South Coast will be spared of significant amounts of snow, northern New England will receive 6-12 inches of snow and in some spots as much as 18". It's a matter of opinion whether getting significant snow is better than the wintry mess of freezing rain, sleet, and snow we'll get.

On Saturday around 9:00am the first effects of the merged storms will begin. Heavy rain will start out the day accompanied with winds that will increase as the hours pass. The rain will quickly bring with it flooding and the commute will be miserable. The rain will persist all day and into the night.



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