

# Moderate to heavy snow to impact afternoon commute in RI and MA

Snow will transition to sleet before changing over to freezing rain across interior Southern New England, transitioning over to sleet then to rain along the coast. Beginning around noon to 2 pm today, ending early morning Wednesday. Greatest concern are the expected impacts for the afternoon into the evening commute. Moderate to heavy snow occurring at the height of rush hour, accumulating easily even on treated roads. Expect slowed commutes, long drives home, especially with snow covered roadways and any accidents. Reduced visibility with any snow or sleet, especially as snowfall rates of around an inch an hour are forecast shortly after the onset.

Initial snow transitioning over to sleet, briefly mixing with freezing rain, and then changing over to all rain. Snow and sleet accumulations of 2 to 4 inches and ice accumulations of a coating are possible wherever freezing rain may occur immediately away from the coast.

WHERE: Nearly all of Rhode Island including the Providence metro area, as well as southeast Massachusetts.

WHEN: From 1 pm this afternoon to 11 pm this evening.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Expect significant travel impacts this afternoon into evening. Prepare accordingly and plan on slippery road conditions, slowed commutes, long drives home and reduced visibility.

## PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS

A Winter Weather Advisory means that periods of snow, sleet or

freezing rain will cause travel difficulties. Expect slippery roads and limited visibilities, and use caution while driving.