

# AVZAND REPORT

Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management

**Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies** 02/14/2021 - 0900

## Watches and Warnings

A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect until 6pm 02/15. A Wind Chill Advisory is in effect until 6am 02/16. A Peak Usage Alert is in effect until further notice for Springfield City Utilities Customers.

**Hazards Excessive Cold** Snow/Sleet



#### Discussion

Snow will gradually spread west to east over the area this morning and continue into tonight. Snow accumulation of 3 to 6 inches with locally higher amounts can be expected (possibly 5 inches in and around Greene County). Wind chill values will be well below zero. There may be a break or lessening of snow intensity this afternoon before it picks up again this evening. Snow should taper off west-to east Monday morning. Additional, more intense precipitation is likely to occur south of the area Monday.

Expect, to see a general 4 to 6 inches of snow accumulation across the area. Higher amounts of 6 to 7 inches are possible in an area north and west of I-44 and State Hwy. 13.

DANGEROUS wind chill values as low as -25 degrees are expected over the next 48-72 hours. This is a serious situation and all caution should be used when going outdoors.

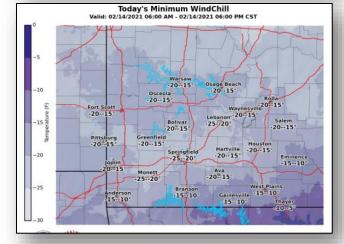
## Travel Issues

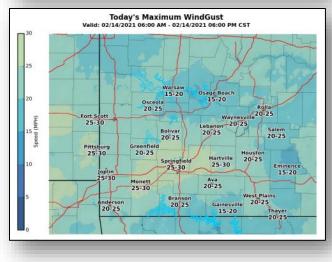
- Timing: Now through tomorrow evening.
- Areas Impacted: Expect the roadways to become covered very quickly once the snow begins.
- Total Accumulation: 3 to 6 inches across the area with locally higher accumulation amounts possible

## **Utility Issues**

Extreme weather conditions are placing a high demand on natural gas supplies affecting the region. This will have an impact on natural gas, propane and electric supplies across the region. Natural Gas wells are freezing in the southwest and limiting supply, causing suppliers to increase prices on the remaining supplies of natural gas. Costs have risen from a market price of \$3.00 per dekatherm rate to almost \$400.00 per

Expected Snowfall - Official NWS Forecast 02/14/2021 06:00 AM - 02/16/2021 06:00 AM CST 72.0 60.0 48.0 36.0 30.0 24.0 54 18.0 12.0 Ş 8.0 49 4.0 3.0 2.0 1.0 0.1







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## **Preparedness Considerations**

Consider a winter storm kit for your car. Winterize your vehicle. Pay close attention to upcoming weather information. Watch for social media posts from OEM and affiliated partners. *Slow down and use caution while traveling.* Conserve natural gas, propane and electricity to the extent possible. *Regardless of who your utility provider is, prepare for possible utility interruptions.* Check on your elderly neighbors and bring pets indoors. <u>STAY SAFE AND REMAIN WEATHER AWARE!</u>

#### **Emergency Management Issues**

- Springfield-Greene County EOC is currently at OpCon Level 3: Monitoring for this event
- Regional WebEOC event has been created: 2021-02-12 Regional Winter Weather
- OEM will continue to monitor this developing weather situation. Partners should continue to monitor as well.
- Follow OEM: Twitter @gcoem and Facebook/SpringfieldGreeneOEM
- MoDOT: Traveler Information map: http://maps.modot.mo.gov/timi/
- Ozarks Traffic: <u>http://www.ozarkstraffic.com/</u>
- City Utilities: https://www.cityutilities.net/2021/02/13/20210213-peakalert/