



WINTER STORM HAZARD REPORT

Springfield-Greene County
Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies
02/14/2021 – 7:30 pm

Community Lifeline Status



- KEY:**
- Lifeline services are stabilized, re-established, or not impacted
 - Lifeline services are disrupted, but solution in progress with estimated time to stabilization identified
 - Lifeline services are disrupted and no solution is identified
 - Extent of disruption and impacts to Lifelines services is unknown

Watches and Warnings

- A **Winter Storm Warning** is in effect until 6pm 02/15.
- A **Wind Chill Warning** is in effect until 9am 02/16.
- A **Peak Usage Critical** is in effect until further notice for Springfield City Utilities Customers.

Hazards

- Excessive Cold
- Snow/Sleet

02/14-02/15

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Discussion

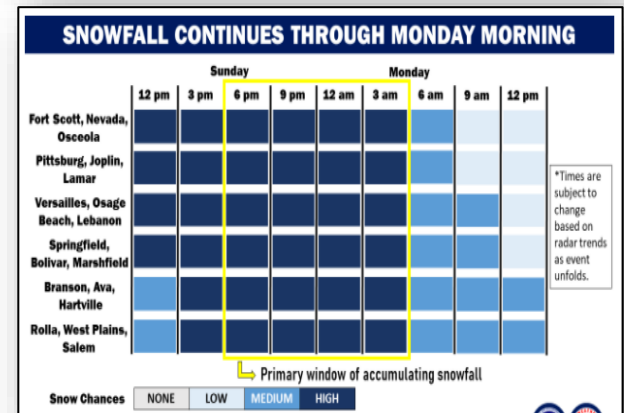
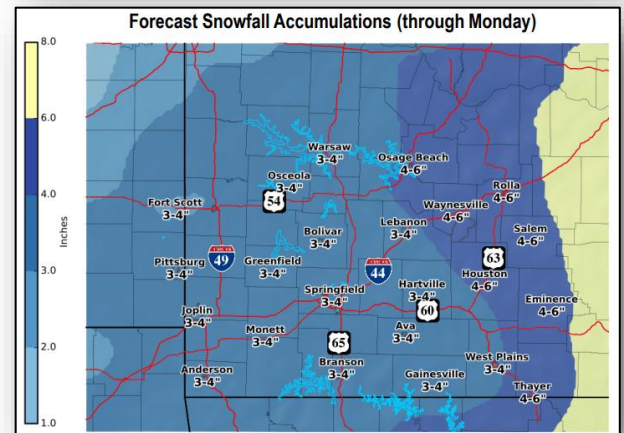
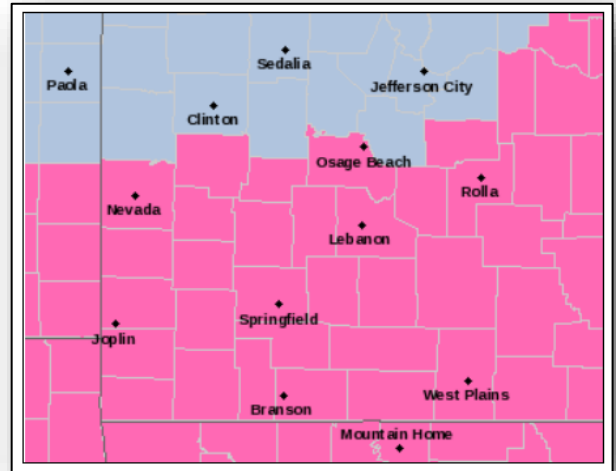
Snow will continue this evening through the overnight hours and into Monday. Pockets of heavier snow will occur at times. With the cold conditions, snow is accumulating as it falls. A rare wind chill warning has been issued for the entire area.

Snow will be ongoing across the region on Monday, ending from southwest to northeast Monday afternoon into the early evening hours. Total snow amounts for the whole system will be 4 to 7 inches with locally heavier amounts possible. The heaviest snow will generally be along and south of Highway 54. Snow accumulations can be expected again Tuesday evening through Thursday as another upper level system approaches from the west.

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: Roadways across Greene County are covered with blowing snow reducing visibility.
- Total Accumulation: 4 to 7 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. This is an unprecedented event that is affecting natural gas and propane user across the Midwest. Conservation of natural gas and propane is extremely important to the degree possible. In addition, electric production has been affected by both increased use and the critical demand on gas availability. Limit electrical usage to the degree possible. *Visit the City Utilities link below to learn more about utilities conservation.*

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. **STAY SAFE AND REMAIN WEATHER AWARE!**

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.
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- **Ozarks Traffic:** <http://www.ozarkstraffic.com/>
- **City Utilities:** <https://www.cityutilities.net/2021/02/13/20210213-peakalert/>