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**PRESS RELEASE**

**HEAVY WINDS LEAVES THOUSANDS WITHOUT POWER**

CONCORD, N.H. – As of 4:00 PM, approximately 28,000 customers are without power across the state as crews work to clear roads and restore power. Some residents may experience multiple days without power.

“Crews are assessing damage and addressing power outages as quickly as possible,” Director of state Homeland Security and Emergency Management Jennifer Harper said. “We expect the number of reported outages to rise as residents return home and find their house without power.”

Report power outages to your utility provider:

Eversource..... 1-800-662-7764  
Liberty Utilities..... 1-800-375-7413  
NH Electric Co-Op..... 1-800-343-6432  
Unitil Capital Area..... 1-800-852-3339  
Unitil Seacoast Region..... 1-800-582-7276

“While utility crews continue to assess damage and outages, residents and visitors should be prepared for outages lasting through the weekend,” Harper added.

Customers without power should continue to call their service providers at least daily until power is restored.

The National Weather Service reports that winds will continue with gusts up to 35 miles per hour before settling later this evening. Cold temperatures will set in overnight throughout the State.

Harper asked that everyone check on friends and neighbors when safe to do so and made the following safety recommendations:

- Visit [ReadyNH.gov](http://ReadyNH.gov) to learn more about keeping safe during emergencies.
- Signup for NH Alerts, the State’s emergency notification system to receive location-specific safety information. Also, download the app.
- Monitor National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports to keep track of changing conditions.
- If you encounter a downed power line, stay away and call 9-1-1.
- Drivers are reminded to use extra caution, go slow and be alert for crews clearing debris.
- Use flashlights, rather than candles, for emergency lighting.
- Do not use a gas range or oven as an alternate source of heat.
- Only use a generator that has been wired to the house electrical service by a professional electrician.
- Never run a generator inside a building or in an enclosed space.

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