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Holbrook Police Warn Residents Ahead of This Week's Winter Storm

HOLBROOK -- On the heels of last week's powerful March nor'easter that knocked down trees and caused widespread power outages, Police Chief William Smith is warning Holbrook residents to prepare for a winter storm that is expected to hit the region this week.

The National Weather Service has issued a hazardous weather outlook and a flood watch for Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol counties, noting the potential for significant rainfall and possibly high winds Wednesday morning into Thursday.

Holbrook is likely to see a mixture of rain and snow and wind speeds could reach as high as 20 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

"We encourage residents to stay inside and off the roads during the storm," Chief Smith said. "There is the potential that trees or branches that did not fall during last week's storm could come down with the wet conditions this storm is expected to bring."

BEFORE THE STORM

- Check the surrounding areas outside of your home and examine trees that have been weakened or uprooted from last weekend's storm. If there is a tree that you believe is unstable and may fall, please contact a local tree trimming service company immediately.
- Residents should be prepared for more power outages and stock up on batteries for flashlights or battery powered lanterns. If using candles, keep them away from anything flammable and never leave them unattended.
- Keep cell phones charged as much as possible. Consider an external battery for your mobile phone.
- Clear any storm drains of debris from the last storm to avoid flooding.

DURING THE STORM

- Stay off the roads and stay indoors, if possible. Give plow and sand/salt trucks the space they need to operate.
- If power goes out during the storm, contact National Grid at [800-465-1212](tel:800-465-1212) to report an outage.
- To report a gas leak, call 911. Residents can also contact Columbia Gas at [800-525-8222](tel:800-525-8222) for gas-related issues.
- If you have an emergency, call 911. If you experience flooding in your home contact the Holbrook Police Department at [781-767-1212](tel:781-767-1212).

AFTER THE STORM

- Do not go near or drive over any downed power lines.
- Check your property for any trees that could be in danger of falling near your home or vehicles.
- Clear any debris from storm drains near your home to allow water to drain.
- Do not pump water from sump pumps into the road. The water can freeze and cause hazardous conditions if the temperature dips.

