

ATTENTION: COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVERS



GEORGIA HAZARDOUS WEATHER & TRAFFIC CONDITIONS INFORMATION

The National Weather Service has issued a **Winter Storm Watch** for portions of North Georgia **including the Atlanta area.** This Watch may be upgraded soon to more hazardous conditions, so stay tuned to local radio stations for weather and travel information.

* HAZARD TYPES...A MIX OF RAIN...SLEET AND SNOW MONDAY NIGHT...CHANGING BACK TO RAIN TUESDAY AFTERNOON...THEN A MIX OF FREEZING RAIN AND SLEET TUESDAY NIGHT WITH SNOW IN THE MOUNTAINS. ACCUMULATIONS...THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR 1 TO 3 INCHES OF SNOWFALL ACROSS THE NORTHERN ATLANTA SUBURBS AND NORTHWEST GEORGIA. FOR THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA MOUNTAINS...THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR THREE TO SIX INCHES OF SNOW WITH LOCALLY HIGHER AMOUNTS. THE RAIN AND SNOW MIX WILL BEGIN ACROSS NORTH GEORGIA MONDAY EVENING...AND THEN SPREAD INTO THE REST OF NORTH GEORGIA AFTER MIDNIGHT MONDAY NIGHT. THE PRECIPITATION WILL CHANGE BACK TO RAIN TUESDAY AFTERNOON...THEN SWITCH TO FREEZING RAIN AND SLEET TUESDAY NIGHT WITH SNOW ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS. HOWEVER THIS THREAT MAY NEED TO BE EXTENDED INTO THE WEDNESDAY DAY PERIOD WITH ADDITIONAL ICE ACCUMULATIONS POSSIBLE.

* IMPACTS...SNOW WILL ACCUMULATE ON ROADS MAKING FOR HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS MONDAY NIGHT AND EARLY TUESDAY. ICE WILL BEGIN TO ACCUMULATE ON ROADS TUESDAY NIGHT MAKING FOR HAZARDOUS OR IMPOSSIBLE DRIVING CONDITIONS. ICE THAT ACCUMULATES ON TREES AND POWERLINES COULD BRING DOWN LARGE TREE LIMBS AND CAUSE POWER OUTAGES. TEMPERATURES...FALLING INTO THE LOW TO MID 30S MONDAY NIGHT...REMAINING IN THE 30S TUESDAY...THEN FALLING INTO THE UPPER 20S AND LOWER 30S TUESDAY NIGHT. UNCERTAINTY...THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY IN THIS FORECAST AND WINTRY PRECIPITATION AMOUNTS ARE EXPECTED TO CHANGE LEADING UP TO THE EVENT. FOLKS ACROSS NORTH GEORGIA SHOULD MONITOR THIS SITUATION CLOSELY IN THE EVENT THAT THIS WATCH IS UPGRADED TO AN ADVISORY OR WARNING. PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...A WINTER STORM WATCH MEANS THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT SNOW...SLEET...OR ICE ACCUMULATIONS THAT MAY IMPACT TRAVEL. CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE LATEST FORECASTS. (Source: National Weather Service, 02/09/14)

As usual, AVOID THE METRO ATLANTA AREA: Thru-truck-traffic is not allowed inside the I-285 perimeter of Atlanta. All trucks traveling on I-75, I-85, or I-20 **must take I-285** around the city, **except** for the following reasons: Pick up or delivery to or from a shipper physically located inside I-285; going to or from the carrier's terminal facilities physically located inside I-285; going to or from a repair facility for service which is physically located inside I-285; a driver going to or from his residence located within the perimeter. (O.C.G.A. § 40-6-51).

DO YOU HAVE TIRE CHAINS? Georgia law specifies that when access to a roadway has been limited due to inclement winter weather conditions, **notice shall be given through posted signage** that motor vehicles must be equipped with tire chains, four-wheel drive with adequate tires for existing conditions, or snow tires with a manufacturer's all weather rating in order to proceed on such section of roadway. **Operators of commercial vehicles (other than buses)** with four or more drive wheels traveling on a road declared as limited access due to inclement winter weather conditions shall affix tire chains to at least four of the drive wheel tires. **Bus operators** shall affix tire chains to at least two of the drive wheel tires before proceeding on a road with limited access due to inclement winter weather conditions. (O.C.G.A. § 32-6-5)