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Over the next 72 hours, we will face some of the coldest temperatures of the season as well as a significant snow storm with over a foot of snow expected. The National Weather Service warns that gusty winds will produce bitterly cold wind chill values of 20 to 35 degrees below zero Sunday Night through Monday. The lowest wind chill values will likely occur Sunday night, when the combination of temperatures are the coldest and winds the strongest. It is vitally important that you are prepared - on campus, during your commute, and at home - as these temperatures can be life threatening. Travel will also be significantly impacted by the heavy snow and zero visibility conditions caused by blowing snow. If you do not need to travel Saturday night through Monday morning, stay put. Many communities will be issuing parking bans tomorrow to help with snow clearing.

General preparations include the following:

- * Limit your time outside to 10-15-minute excursions, with at least 5-min warm-up periods in between.
- * Dress in layers of warm clothing, with a moisture-wicking inner layer, insulating middle layer, and an outer layer that is wind-resistant.
- * Cover all exposed skin.

- * Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, and a scarf, neck tube or face mask

- * Wear insulated, waterproof footwear.

- * Stay dry (including taking steps to prevent excess sweating).

- * Keep active.

- * Consider cancelling outdoor activities.

Vehicle preparations include the following:

- * Keep your gas tank at least half full.

- * Keep an [extra emergency kit specifically created for your car](#). In addition to the basic essentials, consider adding a portable cell phone charger, ice scraper, extra blanket, sand for traction and jumper cables.

- * Carry a shovel and sand to improve traction since wind will create snow drifts.

Home preparations include the following:

- * Make sure you have sufficient fuel for heating your home. If you have an emergency and are without heating, there will likely be warming shelters opening around the state.

- * Keep space heater safety in mind: Use electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switches and non-glowing elements. Remember to keep all heat sources at least three feet away from furniture and drapes. See http://www.uvm.edu/safety/fire/space_heaters for more information.

- * Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector.

- * Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them. House fires pose an additional risk, as more people turn to alternate heating sources without taking the necessary precautions.

- * Learn how to [shut off water valves](#)(in case a pipe bursts).

- * Make an [emergency kit](#) for at least three days of self-sufficiency.

For more general cold weather and winter safety information please visit:

<https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>. For information on UVM Campus Preparedness, please visit www.uvm.edu/emergency.

North Country Storm Total Snowfall Forecast

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