

NEWS RELEASE

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DRIVING TIPS TO WEATHER TO STORM

SAN BERNARDINO – Caltrans is alerting motorists that rain and possibly snow have been forested for the Inland Empire region, including mountains and deserts. The National Weather Service has predicted that “Strong westerly winds over the mountains and deserts will create difficult driving conditions in some areas later today through tonight, especially for high profile vehicles through the passes and along the mountain slopes and foothills into the deserts. Showers will make for slick roads in many areas tonight, and possibly Tuesday night. Snowfall is possible, mostly above 6,500 feet in the San Bernardino Mountains. The highest peaks could see several inches tonight but most roads should not be impacted with accumulating snowfall”.

Below are some helpful tips if you plan to travel during the storm:

- Plan ahead – **check travel/chain control** at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>.
- Listen to local traffic reports before you get on the road--expect delays--add travel time.
- Have a full tank of gas.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good condition. Bring chains for mountain travel and check wipers, tires, lights and brakes to ensure they are working properly.
- **BRING CHAINS IF TRAVELING TO MOUNTAIN AREAS.** Always have your cell phone, water, snacks, sturdy shoes, gloves and warm clothing, flash light, kitty litter (for traction), shovel, ice scraper for windshields.
- Do not go around closure gates or barricades.
- Follow instructions from Caltrans staff, law enforcement and emergency responders
- Never pass vehicles/equipment working on the roadway.
- If you approach standing or rushing water – never try to drive or walk through it.
- 12 inches of water can float a car and two feet can carry an SUV or pickup away.
- Reduce your speed, leave space between vehicles, and drive for conditions.
- If conditions become too difficult for driving – pull over to a safe location and wait until conditions improve.
- Be prepared for emergency situations that may close State highways.
- Caltrans maintenance crews will be on a 24/7 schedule during the storm working to keep the roadways open and safe for the motoring public. Please have patience and alert to all your surroundings.

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