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SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAUNTON MA
229 PM EST FRI DEC 12 2008

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WESTERN FRANKLIN MA-EASTERN FRANKLIN MA-NORTHERN WORCESTER MA-
CENTRAL MIDDLESEX MA-WESTERN ESSEX MA-WESTERN HAMPSHIRE MA-
WESTERN HAMPDEN MA-EASTERN HAMPSHIRE MA-EASTERN HAMPDEN MA-
SOUTHERN WORCESTER MA-NORTHERN MIDDLESEX MA-CHESHIRE NH-
EASTERN HILLSBOROUGH NH-WESTERN AND CENTRAL HILLSBOROUGH NH-
INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...CHARLEMONT...GREENFIELD...ORANGE...
BARRE...FITCBURG...FRAMINGHAM...LOWELL...LAWRENCE...
CHESTERFIELD...BLANDFORD...AMHERST...NORTHAMPTON...SPRINGFIELD...
MILFORD...WORCESTER...AYER...JAFFREY...KEENE...MANCHESTER...
NASHUA...PETERBOROUGH...WEARE
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AREA RESIDENTS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTINUE THE LONG CLEAN-UP
ACROSS MUCH OF WESTERN AND CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS AS WELL AS PORTIONS
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FROM THE DESTRUCTIVE ICE STORM THAT OCCURRED LAST
NIGHT.

STATE OF EMERGENCIES WERE DECLARED FOR PORTIONS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE...AS
WELL AS PORTIONS OF WESTERN AND CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS. THE HARDEST
HIT AREAS WERE THE HIGHER TERRAIN IN NORTH CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS AND
INTO NEW HAMPSHIRE...WHERE MANY PEOPLE WERE WITHOUT POWER. IN
ADDITION...THERE ARE SO MANY TREES AND POWER LINES DOWN THAT A LOT OF
ROADS IN THIS REGION WERE IMPASSABLE.

IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE A LOT OF THE POWER CAN BE
RESTORED. UNFORTUNATELY...LOW TEMPERATURES ARE EXPECTED TO FALL INTO
THE TEENS TONIGHT AND POSSIBLY SINGLE DIGIT READINGS ON SATURDAY
NIGHT.

THESE TEMPERATURES ARE DANGEROUS FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT DO NOT HAVE
POWER. PEOPLE SHOULD NOT WAIT IN THEIR HOMES FOR IT TO BE RESTORED...AS
THIS MAY TAKE SEVERAL DAYS. INSTEAD...PLEASE DIAL 211 FOR HELP. THIS
NUMBER WILL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION YOU NEED FOR SHELTER AND TO
ASSIST IN CLEANUP EFFORTS.

IF USING A GENERATOR...AVOID CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING BY FOLLOWING
MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS. NEVER USE CANDLES OR OTHER OPEN FLAMES
INDOORS TO HEAT YOUR HOUSE AS THIS CAN START FIRES.

AGAIN...WE STRESS THAT PEOPLE DO NOT WAIT FOR POWER TO BE RESTORED.
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE POWER...PLEASE DIAL 211 AND THAT WILL GIVE YOU THE
INFORMATION ON SHELTER LOCATIONS IN YOUR AREA.

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