

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON**  
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## **Winter Storm Update**

**This press release contains new and important information. Please read this entire message.**

Since the beginning of Winter Storm Quinn on Thursday March 8th, Hopkinton has received reports of over 175 downed trees, limbs, or wires. Storm Quinn resulted in hurricane level damage and recovery operations for Hopkinton, with unprecedented storm damage to both public & private property. The first response to these issues from DPW/Eversource was to cut and clear these trees and branches that were a potential hazard or blockage for an emergency vehicle's ability to respond to incidents. Those cut and clear operations created some of the current debris stacked on the side of roadways.

Hopkinton has had crews out all weekend and today mitigating the issue of roadside debris as this debris creates its own unique set of safety issues. There is the potential for vehicle and plow damage, as well as unsafe pedestrian access.

**We ask that you do not place brush or debris from private property at the edge of the roadway as this creates additional potentially unsafe hazards given the new storm expected to begin in the early morning hours of Tuesday March 13th.**

We do not currently have the capacity to offer any additional services in brush and debris removal; however, we are evaluating our current programs to deal with this extraordinary and unprecedented impact.

Hopkinton is under a new Winter Storm Warning beginning Monday 3/12 at 11pm until Tuesday 3/13 8pm. We are expecting heavy snow with accumulations upwards of 15-18 inches and near blizzard conditions.

For the most recent storm information and updates, please check our social media pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/hopkintonma.gov/>

<https://twitter.com/HopkintonMA>

Additional resources:

[Ready.gov power outage safety](#)

[FDA Food safety for power outages](#)

[NFPA portable generator safety](#)

[CDC Carbon Monoxide poisoning info](#)