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# Information Bulletin

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## **Environment Canada Issues Arctic Outflow Warning and Snow Advisory for Fraser Valley and South Coast**

**ABBOTSFORD, BC, December 8, 2016:** Environment Canada has issued an arctic outflow warning weather advisory for the Fraser Valley. Full details on the advisory can be found at: [weather.gc.ca/warnings/report\\_e.html?bc40](http://weather.gc.ca/warnings/report_e.html?bc40)

Environment Canada states that the combination of strong winds and low temperatures will cause wind chill values to drop to near minus 20 degrees Celsius and persist through tonight. Environment Canada is advising people to be prepared for unusually cold temperatures and strong winds and to drive with care, especially along coastal routes exposed to outflow winds. Snow is expected to start falling this evening. Total snow accumulations of 5 to 15 cm are expected over low lying coastal regions with up to 25 cm over high terrain through to Friday evening. Strong easterly winds combined with the snow will cause reduced visibility in blowing snow tonight and Friday morning, especially over Howe Sound and the Fraser Valley.

The public is further encouraged to monitor local media or Weatheradio; and to report severe weather via email to [pacificstorm@ec.gc.ca](mailto:pacificstorm@ec.gc.ca) or tweet reports to #BCStorm.

The City of Abbotsford would like to remind residents to support incapacitated friends, neighbors and relatives during this cold snap and ensure they are safe and warm and assist with snow clearing as needed. Residents are also reminded not to use propane heaters or briquette barbeques inside.

As we enter storm season, residents are encouraged to be prepared and have flashlights, blankets, a portable radio and spare batteries on hand in case of a power outage, and should avoid parking vehicles under trees or hydro wires if possible. For information on how to prepare your family and what to include in an emergency kit, visit: [www.abbotsford.ca/AEP](http://www.abbotsford.ca/AEP)

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