A heavy duty, six wheel dump truck leaving the Brookhaven Highway Yard in Coram early Monday morning.

Setauket, NY - The National Weather Service in New York has issued a blizzard warning for Long Island effective from 1 p.m. Monday, January 26th to midnight on Tuesday. Snow accumulations of up to two feet are forecast, with higher amounts possible locally. The heaviest snowfall of 2 to 4 inches per hour is expected late tonight into Tuesday morning.

"This is a storm of historic proportions and the Brookhaven Highway Department will be out in full force working aggressively to clear the roads," Brookhaven Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro said. "We began preparing for this winter in early spring. Our fleet is fully operational, we have hundreds of contractors who will be working with us and we have material stocked in all of our yards throughout Brookhaven."

Winds of 20 to 30 miles per hour are expected with gusts up to 60 mph. Falling and blowing snow coupled with strong winds will lead to whiteout conditions.

The National Weather Service said in its warning all unnecessary travel is discouraged beginning Monday afternoon to allow people on the road to safely reach their destination before the heavy snow begins.

"Make whatever arrangements are necessary and stay off the roads during the storm unless it is an absolute emergency," Superintendent Losquadro said. "Even then, it is safest to call 911 and wait for emergency responders to arrive. Also, park your vehicles in your driveway and off of the roadway. Cars left in the street block a path for highway crews who are working to keep roads safe and clear."

Strong winds may also cause downed power lines. If you see a downed power line, DO NOT GO NEAR IT AND REPORT IT TO PSEG IMMEDIATELY BY CALLING 1-800-490-0075. Residents should also keep their cell phones fully charged and use them as little as possible in case of a power outage. Power outages can be reported to PSEG by texting OUT to PSEGLI (773454).

Please remember with a storm of this length and dangerously high wind gusts, it will take the Highway Department time and several passes to clear all Town roads. Should you need to contact the Highway Department, please call (631) 451-9200.

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