



(AP) Gov. Scott Walker is readyng the troops as a strong winter storm makes its way to Wisconsin. Walker Wednesday declared a State of Emergency as the storm advances toward the Badger State. The order mobilizes state resources, including the Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin National Guard, the State Patrol and other agencies. The State Patrol is recommending against travel during the storm.

Forecasters say the storm will include blizzard conditions. The heaviest snow is expected to arrive after midnight and continue throughout the day on Thursday. Wind gusts of up to 45 mph by Thursday afternoon should make travel treacherous.

The National Weather Service posted blizzard warnings for at least eight south central counties for Thursday afternoon.