## Preparing for chills of winter

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## Forecasters expect average snowfall

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Winter is just around the corner.

With the cold season approaching and Winter Weather Awareness Day this Thursday (Nov. 7) Gothenburg has a fairly average winter to look forward to, said meteorologist Michael Moritz of the National Weather Service in Hastings.

"We have a limited confidence in the predictability of good or bad conditions throughout the state," Moritz said. "There is no strong atmospheric or oceanic signal that favors wet over dry and warm over cold this winter."

Realistically, NWS officials can only predict a couple of weeks ahead meaning that a chance of cold weather and a lot of snow is still possible, Moritz said.

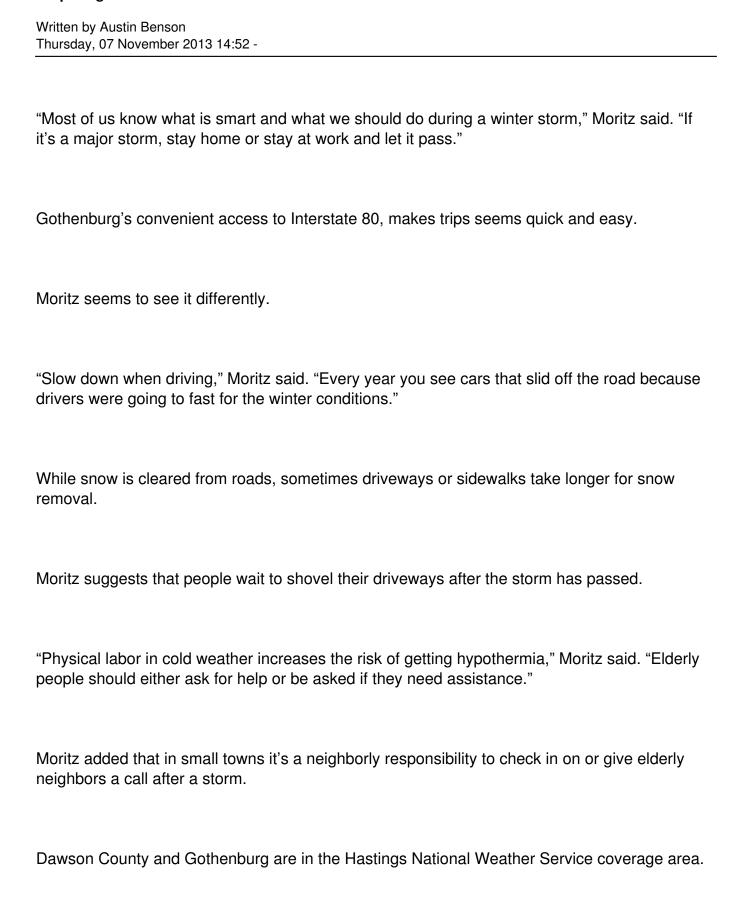
"Weather is fairly predictable and allows us to prepare," Moritz said.

He said to be aware of upcoming weather when making travel plans or scheduling events. Make sure to fill propane tanks and do anything else that allows you to stay inside during a storm.

"I encourage people to watch or listen to local weather for trusted information," Moritz said.

Moritz said that making a good decision during a storm is just as important as preparing for it.

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For questions regarding winter weather or upcoming storm updates, call forecasters in Hastings

at 402-462-2127 or visit the NWS website at www.weather.gov.

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