

THE UPDATE

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SNOW SMARTS: WINTER STORM SAFETY TIPS

- Follow parking restrictions to help plows clear streets efficiently
- **Avoid unnecessary travel** during heavy snowfall
- **Clear sidewalks** adjacent to your property as required by Town code
- Shovel early and often to prevent ice buildup and reduce back/heart strain
- Use caution when walking or driving - assume surfaces are slippery!
- Check on neighbors, especially older adults or those who may need assistance
- Keep fire hydrants clear of snow
- Bring pets indoors and ensure they're protected from the cold



TOWN DECLARES LOCAL SNOW EMERGENCY AHEAD OF STORM

In alignment with guidance from Prince George's County and regional officials, the Town has declared a local snow emergency ahead of our area's expected winter storm. Forecasts indicate significant snowfall as well as dangerous ice build-up, and proactive measures are being taken to protect public safety and support effective snow removal operations. **Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 26 and all impacted meetings will be rescheduled.**

As part of the snow emergency, Town street parking regulations are now in effect. These temporary restrictions, outlined in the January Town newsletters and posted on the Town website, are designed to allow Department of Public Works crews clear access to roadways for plowing, salting, and emergency response. Residents are asked to follow posted signage and avoid on-street parking where restrictions apply.

Public Works crews will be monitoring conditions throughout the storm and responding as needed as snowfall accumulates. Residents are encouraged to plan ahead, limit travel during the storm if possible, and check the Town website and official communication channels for updates.

For the latest information on snow emergency parking regulations and storm-related notices, visit the Town website or contact Town Hall.

WINTER STORM SAFETY UPDATES

SNOW DAY SAFETY FOR KIDS (OF ALL AGES!)

Snow days can be fun and memorable - but it's important for kids to stay safe while enjoying the storm.

Children should wear bright or reflective clothing when playing outside so they're visible to drivers and snowplow operators. Plows have limited visibility, and it can be difficult for operators to see children playing near roads or driveways.

Kids should play away from streets, snowbanks, and parked vehicles, and never build forts or tunnels in piles of plowed snow. Remind children to watch for icy patches, dress warmly in layers, and take breaks indoors to warm up.

Most importantly: have fun, make snow angels, and enjoy the snow - but please do it safely!

If you rely on medical or mobility equipment, double-check backup power options and ensure supplies are stocked. Set thermostats appropriately, close blinds or curtains to help retain heat, and check on neighbors who may need assistance.

A little preparation goes a long way in keeping everyone safe and comfortable during winter storm emergencies.



HOME PREPAREDNESS

Before the snow begins, residents are encouraged to take a few simple steps to prepare their homes for a winter storm.

Be sure to **charge phones, tablets, and backup batteries** in case of power outages. Keep **flashlights**, fresh batteries, and a basic first-aid kit easily accessible. It's also wise to have **drinking water** and easy-to-prepare food on hand for at least 24–48 hours.

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