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Prepare Now for Winter Weather

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg recommends residents to prepare now for winter weather to come later.

Citizens in Harrisonburg are required to remove snow from sidewalks in front of their residences and businesses after the snow has ceased to fall (to read the entire ordinance, visit www.municode.com/Library/VA/Harrisonburg and view Code Section 6-1-15).

“With a second winter storm on its way this weekend, we want to remind citizens that sidewalks must be clear,” said Mary-Hope Vass, Public Information Officer for the City of Harrisonburg.

It is important to have clear sidewalks for pedestrians to safely walk through Harrisonburg. If a pedestrian approaches a snow-covered sidewalk, they may be inclined to walk in the roadway, which is unsafe.

Throughout today, officers will be reminding residents, with un-shoveled sidewalks, to clean their sidewalk before the next storm hits.

In preparing for more winter weather, it is also important to:

- Prepare an emergency kit.
- Test smoke detectors in your home.
- Check chimneys, wood stoves, and fireplaces.
- Stay off of the roads if possible, unless it is an emergency.
- If power is lost, use flashlights. Candles are not a safe source of light.

For more tips on protecting yourself and your home during winter, please visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/winter-safety.

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