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City Prepares for Winter Storm

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg has already taken precautions and is planning ahead for the upcoming winter storm.

Throughout today, the Department of Public Works will continue applying a liquid pre-treatment on the primary routes, designated streets serving emergency facilities, and other areas that are designated as potential safety concerns. This pre-treatment will help the precipitation melt once it hits the road. The best time to apply this is during a dry day like today as the pre-treatment will not be as effective if rain comes before the snow.

With snow expected to be tomorrow evening, it is important for the community to monitor the conditions and plan their Wednesday evening and Thursday morning commutes accordingly.

“We encourage the community to plan ahead and be prepared now before the storm actually arrives in our area,” said Mary-Hope Vass, City’s Public Information Officer.

Crews with the Department of Public Works will begin working 12-hour shifts tomorrow through the duration of storm cleanup efforts. During a winter storm, snow removal crews give first priority to the primary streets. To see a complete list of the plow routes, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/snow-plow.

In order for the snow removal equipment to operate most effectively, residents are asked to utilize off-street parking if it’s available and avoid driving if possible. Citizens should also shovel snow to the right side of their driveways (looking toward the street) so that snow plows will not push already-shoveled snow back into your driveway.

Additional weather-related information and notices will be posted at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov and on the city’s [social media sites](#).

This also serves as a reminder for those who work or live in the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County to sign up for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Alert System by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com. Citizens may sign up for this free service to receive alerts about an emergency-related event or life-threatening weather event.

*Who will notify you if an emergency-related event is happening in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County? Sign up to receive free alerts through the **Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Emergency Alert System** by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com.*

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