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Crews Are Prepared for More Winter Weather

Harrisonburg, VA – The City’s Public Works Department is prepared for another winter storm to hit Harrisonburg.

Currently, crews are using a pre-treatment application on all primary roadways. This application is applied and works best when the weather is dry prior to the storm arriving.

Starting early tomorrow (Saturday, February 21) morning, full crews will begin working a 12-hour rotating shift to clear snow and ice first from primary roadways and sidewalks that have a high volume of pedestrian traffic.

The Public Works Department strives to have all primary streets clear of snow and ice before stretching out into the secondary, residential neighborhoods.

Working with more than 60 employees, who use nearly 30 pieces of snow removal equipment, it is a goal of the department to have roadways cleared within 24 hours after the storm has stopped if the snowfall is less than six inches. If the snowfall is between 10 to 15 inches, the roads should be cleared within 48 hours.

Guidelines for Residents

- Avoid parking on the street. Snowplows can’t fully clear the street with cars in the way.
- Avoid unnecessary travel when crews are clearing snow and ice from the roadways.
- Do not attempt to pass snowplows and stay at least 100 feet behind them.
- Keep a safe distance of at least five seconds behind other vehicles.
- Be aware of potentially icy areas such as shady spots and bridges.
- When driving on ice, turn slowly, and do not slam on your brakes. Sudden changes can cause your car to spin out of control.

To learn more about the snow and ice program or to see a map of primary and secondary roadways, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/snow-plow.

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