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City Closings and Winter Preparations

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg will be closing early and reminds residents of precautions to take as the snow begins to fall in this area.

City offices will close at 11:00 a.m. today, which includes non-essential personnel.

The Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) will stop all bus services at 12:00 p.m. today. When bus services resumes, a notice will be sent.

The city's police and fire departments have increased staffing throughout the weekend. Public Works employees have already begun their 12-hour shifts, which will last throughout the remainder of the storm.

Safety Precautions for Residents

With temperatures expected to stay very cold with this storm, residents are reminded of the dangers of carbon monoxide. Residents should never run motorized equipment in a garage or basement, even if doors and windows are open. When equipment is running outside, place it away from doors and windows so the fumes are not sucked back into the home.

Anyone with heating systems that are vented to the outside should be sure to shovel around the exterior vent. With the area anticipating snow of up to 32 inches, the snow could block this vent causing the fumes to go back into the home.

To keep pipes and water meters from freezing, it is recommended for residents to allow water to slowly drip from faucets during the coldest times of the storm. When a residential water meter freezes with a large amount of snow, it is difficult for crews from the Public Utilities Department to locate the meter for it to be repaired.

Additional information and recommendations about winter weather safety is always available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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