



NEWS RELEASE

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Town of Culpeper officials are preparing to deal with the possibility of between 18 and 24 inches of heavy wet snow predicted for our area beginning tomorrow morning.

The message from town officials is stay off the roads. It is difficult to safely clear roads with vehicles operating on them.

Town crews will begin working 12-hour shifts once the snow starts falling to keep the town's main roads and some secondary streets clear. The snowplows will initially focus efforts on the main arteries of Route 29 business, North Main Street, Sperryville Pike, Germanna Highway, along with Laurel Street and Sunset Lane leading to Culpeper Regional Hospital. Collector streets, such as Old Brandy Road and the three east and west streets in the downtown core area, also receive primary attention.

In the event that there is heavy accumulation or drifting snow will make travel hazardous, town officials said.

Secondary streets and subdivisions will not see snowplow activity until the main roads are passable and clear. The wet heavy snow also will be harder to plow and take longer to plow because it is more difficult to move than the light fluffy snow we experienced during the last few snow storms.

The town has seven dump truck equipped with snow plows and four loaders and backhoe prepared to handle snow removal. Town crews are responsible for clearing 63 miles of roads of snow. Officials are asking citizens to be patient as the crews will be working 'round the clock until all the streets have been plowed and treated.

The police department has beefed up patrols to handle calls, but urge motorists to stay at home until roads are clear. During the December snowstorm, many town businesses closed early so there was no need for motorists on the road.

In addition to the public works crews, the town's Light and Power Department is on standby, with trucks and chainsaws ready, should power go out or trees or limbs, covered with wet snow, snap and fall on power lines.

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