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Weekend Winter Storm Warning: Take Action Now

FREDERICK, MD – The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for Frederick County from Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. The primary impact of the storm is expected to be hazardous driving conditions.

“It has been several years since Frederick County has experienced accumulating snowfall. We encourage everyone to brush up on winter weather safety and preparations.” said, Tony Rosano, Acting Director, Division of Emergency Management.

If possible, stay off the roads during the storm both for safety and to allow plow crews to clear roads. If you must drive, please take the following precautions:

- Be prepared before you drive by topping off the gas tank and windshield fluid as well as packing emergency supplies in your vehicle (sand/kitty litter for traction, flashlights, water and blankets).
- Completely clear snow from your vehicle before driving. Snow on your vehicle can fall off and create hazardous conditions for other drivers.
- Turn your headlights on – it’s the law when wipers are on and just plain smart for safety.
- Posted speed limits are for blue-sky days not snow and ice. Slow down, allow extra stopping distance and brake gently.
- Give snowplows plenty of space to operate and stay well behind them.
- Remember conditions can change rapidly especially on bridges, ramps and overpasses.

There is also potential for ice in the higher elevations. Those who live in and around the Catoctin Mountains should also take the power outage precautions of charging cell phones and practicing generator safety.

Sign up for emergency alerts, National Weather Service weather watches/warnings and county government delays/closures at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ALERTFC or text AlertFC to 888777 to download the app.

Snow related issues such as plow-related mailbox damage can be reported using [FCG FixIt](#).

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