



## Loudoun County, Virginia

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### Five Things to Know Ahead of Winter Weather in Loudoun

As the first significant winter weather of the season is forecasted to impact Loudoun County and our region, officials encourage members of the community to take steps to prepare for the effects of a forecasted winter weather event.

Here are five things for every resident to know ahead of the storm:

#### 1. Know the Forecast

- The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory in effect for Loudoun through 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 15, 2022. The forecast calls for freezing rain and the possibility of significant ice accumulation that could create dangerous travel conditions and the possibility of power outages. Get updated weather information from the National Weather Service at [weather.gov/lwx](http://weather.gov/lwx), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

#### 2. Know the Road Conditions

- The Virginia Department of Transportation urges motorists to limit or delay their travel if road conditions warrant. Track VDOT's efforts and get real-time traffic information at [511virginia.org](http://511virginia.org). Follow VDOT on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Call VDOT for more information at 1-800-FOR-ROAD.
- If you have to travel on snow-covered roads, be sure to review [driving safety and preparedness tips](#) from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office before heading out on the road, including having an [emergency kit in your vehicle](#).

#### 3. Know Who Maintains Your Street

- VDOT and homeowners' associations (HOAs) maintain most roads in the county, which includes snow removal.
- Loudoun County has an interactive online tool to help residents determine who is responsible for the maintenance of their roads. Learn more at [loudoun.gov/roads](http://loudoun.gov/roads).

#### 4. Know How to Be Prepared

- The possibility of significant icing could lead to tree damage and power outages. Loudoun County emergency management officials suggest that you take time to charge cell phones and other electronics ahead of the inclement weather.
- **Know How to Contact Your Utility Providers:** If you need to report outages, make sure you have contact information for local utilities, which is posted at [loudoun.gov/winter](http://loudoun.gov/winter).
- **Make a Plan and Build an Emergency Kit:** Everyone is encouraged to review their emergency plans and have an emergency supply kit with items such as flashlights and batteries, battery-operated radio, water, first aid supplies, canned food and can

opener, medications, etc. Learn more about emergency preparedness at [loudoun.gov/ready](https://loudoun.gov/ready).

**5. Know How to Stay Informed**

- Check [loudoun.gov](https://loudoun.gov) for timely information on county operations, including the status of county facilities.
- Follow **Loudoun County Government** on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Sign up for [Alert Loudoun](#) to receive information alerts from the Loudoun County Government.
- Find out about **Loudoun County Public Schools** (LCPS) operational status at [lcp.org](https://lcp.org) or via LCPS [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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