



## Winter Storm Fern Response and Safety Advisory January 26, 2026

**Town of Louisa, VA** – The Town of Louisa is pleased to report that while the storm brought significant snowfall and icy conditions, it was without the widespread power outages many other states and localities have encountered. No injuries or life-threatening incidents were reported.

*Our Public Works crew worked through the night to manage the storm's travel impact, as did the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Town Police were on duty as well.*

**However, conditions remain hazardous to travel and pedestrians on roads and sidewalks. Due to these conditions Town Hall will be closed tomorrow, January 27.**

**Town Public Works staff did respond to incidents of burst pipes in buildings outside the main residence of homes. In addition to providing adequate heating for water pipes in a residence, we ask that you provide adequate heating in your other buildings with water lines, such as garages or accessory structures. This is due to continued sub-freezing temperatures this week.**

**Be sure to give Town and VDOT crews wide space to work, and SLOW DOWN AS YOU DRIVE THROUGH TOWN.**

*We are urging all residents to stay home unless travel is necessary. Staying off the roads and sidewalks is critical to allowing crews the time and space they need to clear roadways and sidewalks effectively.*

Temperatures are expected to remain just at or below freezing for the next week, which limits the effectiveness of chemical treatments and complicates snow and ice removal efforts. Our Public Works and Police Department teams are working diligently to respond to community needs and clear sidewalks and ensure access to essential areas.

As we move forward, please continue to prioritize your safety and the safety of those around you. Check on neighbors when possible; stay prepared for the cold temperatures in the coming days.

We ask for your patience as crews continue their work under these challenging conditions.

For updates and additional information, please visit the town website or follow us on Facebook.

Town staff phone numbers are listed on the website.

If you encounter a non-emergent need, call **540-967-1234**. For emergencies, please dial **911**.

**For additional information, contact Stuart Turille, Town Manager, at 540-967-1400.**