



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Town of Louisa Shares Emergency Preparedness Plan Ahead of Winter Storm

Louisa, VA – January 22, 2026 – The Town of Louisa is urging residents to prepare for the upcoming winter storm, which is expected to bring significant precipitation, including potential dangerous ice accumulation. We strongly advise residents to avoid traveling on roads unless absolutely necessary during and after the storm to ensure emergency vehicles and snowplows can access critical areas without obstruction.

We request that, once the storm begins, no vehicles should park in the downtown area, due to VDOT and staff conducting snow removal operations.

I. **Preparation** Recommendations for Residents

To stay safe and ready, we encourage the following:

- **Stock up on essentials: Food, water, medications, and supplies for at least 72 hours.**
- **Prepare for power outages: Charge devices, check flashlights, and secure backup power sources.**
- **Stay informed: Download the Savvy Citizen app for real-time updates.**
- **Check on neighbors: Especially elderly or vulnerable individuals.**
- **Prepare your vehicle: If travel is unavoidable, keep emergency supplies in your car and your fuel tank full.**
- **Stay warm: Have extra blankets and warm clothing available in case of power loss**
- For updates, follow us on social media and download the **Savvy Citizen app to get notice updates.**

II. **During the Storm Event**

Community Support and Coordination

The Town of Louisa is working closely with county partners to ensure a coordinated response and provide services as needed. **Louisa County may open an overnight shelter at the Louisa County Middle School (see their website for a press release Friday January 23, 2026).** Daytime warming shelters, including Town Hall, may be offered depending on road conditions, power outages, and community needs. Updates will be shared through the Savvy Citizen app and official channels.

III. **Important Contact Information**

For critical but non-emergent needs during the storm, **call 540-967-1234.** For emergencies, **dial 911.**

The Town of Louisa is committed to keeping our community safe during this storm. Please take precautions, stay informed, and help ensure emergency response efforts can operate effectively.

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