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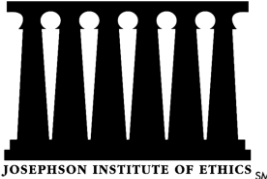
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Emergency Preparedness Partners Remind Citizens to Prepare for Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

FREDERICK, MD – In light of the approaching severe winter storm with significant snow accumulation and possible blizzard conditions, the Frederick County Department of Emergency Preparedness and its partners remind citizens to follow the guidance outlined by the [National Weather Service](http://www.nws.gov) when watches and warnings are issued.

Winter storms can last a few days and may be accompanied by high winds, freezing rain or sleet, heavy snowfall and cold temperatures.

Citizens and businesses are reminded to stay off the roads as much as possible to allow snow crews and emergency personnel to perform their jobs safely and efficiently. Citizens and businesses are also reminded to keep fire hydrants clear from snow.

Each winter, injuries occur in Frederick County due to exposure to the cold, vehicle accidents and the dangerous use of home heaters. Citizens are encouraged to follow the preparedness information outlined in the [Plan to be Safe "Plan 9" Campaign](#) in preparation for winter weather and the hazards it may bring to the community.

For additional preparedness tips, visit the Frederick County Government webpage www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/emergfactsheets, which contains **Winter Storm, Home/Vehicle and Pet Winter Preparedness fact sheets**, or contact the Department of Emergency Preparedness at EmergencyManagement@FrederickCountyMD.gov or 301-600-1746

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