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Mayor Madden Issues Update on City's Winter Storm Preparation

TROY, NY – Mayor Patrick Madden today issued an update on the City's snowstorm preparations ahead of Wednesday's expected winter storm. The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning for the greater Capital Region, including the City of Troy, with heavy snowfall and severe winter weather conditions expected.

"Keeping our streets clear and passable is critically important during periods of heavy snowfall," **Mayor Patrick Madden said**. "We ask our residents to take appropriate precautions and limit their travel to allow plow vehicles and City crews to quickly clear snow and ice from roadways."

Troy's Department of Public Works and Public Utilities crews are coordinating efforts, conducting equipment checks on snow plow vehicles and making necessary repairs to ensure effective use of personnel and resources during the storm. The City will deploy 30 vehicles dedicated to snow plowing and cleanup – including a bucket loader and two backhoes – to keep Troy's approximately 150 miles of roads and alleyways clear. Sufficient supply of road salt is available to treat roadways prior to the storm's arrival. Additionally, crews have been deployed on Tuesday to neighborhoods across the Collar City to address remaining snow from higher-trafficked intersections and streets ahead of Wednesday morning.

Weather Conditions

According to the National Weather Service, heavy snowfall is expected to begin Wednesday morning, with accumulations of up to 12 or more inches anticipated in the Capital Region. The duration of the storm is predicted to last 24 hours and the snow is expected to be heavy and wet.

Residents can help City plow crews keep roads clear during the storm. Travel conditions may be difficult, with significant reductions in visibility at times. Motorists are asked to reduce speeds and limit travel where possible. Residents are asked to park vehicles in driveways where available to keep roads open and passable.

Residents are reminded to remove snow and ice from sidewalks and ramps near their home or business. This will help keep our community accessible for individuals with disabilities, those with small children, and the elderly. Sidewalks adjacent to properties must be cleared of snow by 10:00am the day following the end of a snowstorm.

Please check in with your neighbors, especially those who are elderly, disabled or families with young children. Shovel out fire hydrants near your home during and after a snowstorm. This will assist first responders, including our Troy Police and Fire Departments, during emergencies in your neighborhood. Do not shovel snow into city streets – this can create a hazard and reduces effectiveness of snow cleanup by City crews. Snow will be wet and heavy; residents are encouraged to shovel early and often to reduce snow accumulation and avoid serious injury.

Storm Updates

Residents should monitor the City's web site, local news sites and City social media pages for additional announcements and updates on winter storm cleanup and snow plowing.

- Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/troycityhall>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Troy518>

The City does not anticipate calling a snow emergency at this time. City crews and emergency service departments will monitor road conditions throughout the storm. If conditions warrant, the City will declare a snow emergency. More information on the City's snow emergency procedures is available [here](#).

Residents and business owners can request email notifications by visiting the City's [sign-up page](#).

Overnight and Off-Street Parking

Alternate side parking restrictions remain in effect at this time. Residents are asked to observe all normally posted parking restrictions in their neighborhood. City-owned parking structures will be available for daytime parking during Wednesday's storm, including the Firth Avenue garage and State Street garage. City-owned parking garages are also available for overnight parking.

For more information on parking rules and regulations, and to see a list of available City-owned public parking lots and garages please visit the City's [Parking web page](#).

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