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WAKE FOREST WINTER WEATHER UPDATE

WAKE FOREST, NC – March 2, 2009 – Following the late night and early morning snow that blanketed our area, Wake Forest road crews have been out since early this morning targeting the town's main roads, bridges, significant hills and historically icy spots with sand and salt.

Road crews concentrate on thoroughfares, primary roads in subdivisions, followed by thru-streets in subdivisions and then cul-de-sacs. The Town does not clear private parking lots, including those in apartment complexes or at businesses.

Traffic

- Snow and black ice caused several traffic accidents in Wake Forest overnight and early this morning. No serious injuries were reported. Most of the mishaps were minor, often involving spun out vehicles.
- Police officials are urging drivers to use extra caution or delay travel.

Trash Collection

- Solid waste and recycling are not being collected today. Crews will resume collections tomorrow beginning with Monday's route. Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be collected Thursday; Thursday's route will be picked up Friday, and Friday's route will be done Saturday.
- Yard waste is also not being collected today. Yard waste collection will resume Tuesday beginning with Monday's route and continue through Friday until all routes have been collected. Please leave yard waste at the curb for regular scheduled pickup.
- The bulk waste collection schedule will run according to its regular schedule. Please call (919) 554-6120 for more information.

Openings and Closings

- Town Hall is open on a regular schedule: 8 am - 5 pm.
- Flaherty Park Community Center will be open from 10 am until 4 pm. All Parks & Recreation classes scheduled for today and tonight have been cancelled. All

basketball practices have also been cancelled. For updates about parks, recreation, and cultural program cancellations, call (919) 554-6180.

- [Wake Forest bus service](#), including the Wake Forest-Raleigh Express and the Wake Forest Loop, is running according to its normal schedule.

Citizens are also reminded of the following tips during inclement weather:

- Do not park on streets so that plows and other Town equipment can service the area.
- Do not attempt to deal with downed limbs or trees on streets or sidewalks as they may be tangled in live power lines. Instead, call the Town at (919) 554-6120. After 3 pm, call (919) 554-6724.
- Do not call 911 unless there is an immediate threat to life, health, or property. All non-emergency snow calls should be placed to (919) 554-6150; customer service representatives will be staffing the phones during regular business hours, 8 am - 5 pm.
- Be neighborly. Check on neighbors to make sure that everyone is OK.
- Stay indoors during severe winter weather. If you do decide to venture out - whether walking or driving - let folks know when and where you are going so they can contact emergency officials should you fail to reach your destination. Take a cell phone just in case.

Complete wintry weather information is available on the Town's website at www.wakeforestnc.gov/winterweather.aspx. For more information, call Town Hall at (919) 554-6100.

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