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### **WAKE FOREST CONTINUES PLOWING EFFORTS: NO ACCIDENTS OR OUTAGES REPORTED**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – January 30, 2010** – The snow that began falling in Wake Forest last evening changed over to sleet early this morning. Town of Wake Forest crews are out in full force plowing the town’s thoroughfares and collector streets.

As of 7:30 a.m., there have been no reported storm-related traffic accidents or power outages.

“Right now we have approximately four to five inches of snow with an inch of sleet on top,” said Town of Wake Forest Public Works & Utilities Director Mike Barton. “As the sleet continues to fall, we’re encouraging citizens to stay off the roads as much as possible, both for their own safety, and so our crews can continue their plowing efforts.”

The Town of Wake Forest plows thoroughfares, primary roads in subdivisions, followed by through-streets in subdivisions and then cul-de-sacs. The Town does not clear private parking lots, including those in apartment and condominium complexes or at businesses.

On Thursday and Friday of this week, Wake Forest crews applied brine throughout the community. The Town has six pieces of snow fighting equipment available to clear Wake Forest’s 78 miles of roads, of which about 22 miles are state-maintained roads.

### **OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS**

All Wake Forest Parks & Recreation programs, classes, and sports activities are canceled for today. In addition, Flaherty Park Community Center is closed. For updates, call (919) 554-6185. For a listing of parks & recreation facility information, visit the Town’s website at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/parksrecreation\\_facilities.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/parksrecreation_facilities.aspx).

Citizens are reminded of the following tips during inclement weather:

- Do not park on streets so that plows and other Town equipment can service the area.

- Be mindful of slick roadways. As temperatures continue to remain at or below freezing, roads may be more hazardous than they appear.
- Take precaution when going outside to enjoy the winter weather. Stay off the streets when sledding and make sure to only go sledding in open areas away from dense trees or waterways.
- 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 [Wake Forest Power](#) at (919) 554-6724.
- Do not call 911 unless there is an emergency posing an immediate threat to life, health, or property. All non-emergency snow calls should be placed to (919) 554-6150. Complete wintry weather information is also available on the Town's web site at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/winterweather.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/winterweather.aspx).
- 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 that they can contact emergency officials should you fail to reach your destination. Take a cell phone just in case.

**If the power goes out:**

- To report power outages: Wake Forest Power customers call (919) 554-6724; Wake Electric customers call (919) 863-6499 or (800) 743-3155; Progress Energy customers call (800) 419-6356.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Food usually stays frozen about 48 hours. A refrigerator can keep food cold for about four hours. Remember, when in doubt, throw it out.
- Do not connect a generator directly to your home's electrical system. It is dangerous to you, your neighbors and utility workers. Follow manufacturer's directions regarding connecting appliances directly to your generator.
- In any power outage, utility crews restore service as quickly as possible, starting with the largest lines and facilities serving the most people.

Source: Progress Energy

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