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## **TOWN OF WAKE FOREST OPERATIONS UPDATE**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – February 1, 2010** – Town of Wake Forest road crews are on the scene throughout Wake Forest spreading a salt/sand mixtures on hills, bridges, and traditional slick spots. Crews are also plowing residential and secondary roads.

The Town's main thoroughfares have been cleared with minimal icy spots. However, residents should be aware that not all roads in Wake Forest are as clear as the main thoroughfares. Drivers are urged to stay alert and be watchful of black ice.

Road crews concentrate on thoroughfares and 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.

Since the first signs of wintry weather Friday evening, there have been five storm-related traffic accidents, none with injuries, reported thus far in Wake Forest.

### **Sanitation Schedule**

- Garbage and recycling are not being collected today. Crews will resume collections tomorrow beginning with Monday's route. Tuesday's route will be collected Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; Thursday's route will be collected Friday, and Friday's route will be done Saturday.
- Yard waste is not being collected today. Yard waste collection will resume Tuesday beginning with Monday's route and continue each day through Friday until all routes have been collected. Residents are urged to leave yard waste at the curb on their normal pickup day to avoid being missed.
- Bulk waste will be collected on Wednesday this week instead of Tuesday.
- For more information about this week's revised sanitation schedule, please call (919) 554-6120.

## Openings and Closings

- Town Hall is open on regular schedule.
- All Wake Forest Parks & Recreation programs, classes, and sports activities are canceled for today and tonight. All basketball practices have also been canceled, and Flaherty Park Community Center is closed. For updates about parks, recreation, and cultural program cancellations, call (919) 554-6180 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. After 5 p.m., please call (919) 554-6185.
- 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 p.m., 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) 6150; customer service representatives will be staffing the phones during regular business hours, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 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](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/winterweather.aspx).

For more information, call Town Hall at (919) 554-6100.

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