



## News Release

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### City of Lafayette Prepares for Winter Storm

**LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – December 20, 2022** – The national weather service has issued a Winter Storm Watch for our area beginning Thursday evening, December 22 through Saturday morning, December 24.

If a snow emergency is declared by the city, crews will be dispatched to the 12 snow routes. Streets in each route are prioritized as 1 (emergency snow routes), 2 (trash collectors and CityBus routes), and 3 (residential). Priority 1 streets are the first streets to receive plowing and salting. Whenever the priority 1 streets are deemed safe for travel during or after a snowfall, the city's trucks begin operations on the priority 2 streets and once cleared, will move on to the priority 3 streets. Trucks may be dispatched back to priority 1 streets if necessary. A list of the emergency routes is available on the city's website at: <https://www.lafayette.in.gov/341/Snow-Removal>.



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To assist first responders during the snow emergency, we asked that vehicles parked on an emergency snow route be moved within 12 hours after the emergency is declared. Vehicles left on the snow emergency routes after 12 hours will be towed at the owner's expense. If you are leaving town ahead of the winter storm for the holidays, make sure your vehicles are removed from any snow emergency routes and streets. Please park your vehicle in your driveway and not in front of your home to expediate snow removal. Removing vehicles from the roadways will assist our snow plow operators with clearing the streets faster, more efficiently, and more safely.

The winter storm is expected to bring brutal below zero wind chills and blowing/drifted snow. Wind gusts as high as 55 mph could bring down tree branches and cause power outages. Wind chills as low as 25 below zero could cause frostbit on exposed skin in as little as 15 minutes. If you have pets, make sure to bring them in out of the weather or provide them with adequate shelter. If you do have to be out, make sure you follow these tips:

- Leave early to get to your destination.
- Clear all of your car windows, headlights, and taillights of any snow and ice before driving.
- Slow down and leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- Make sure your cell phone is charged and carry a charger with you.
- Carry a supply of food, water, warm clothing, blankets and a snow shovel in your vehicle in the event you do become stranded.
- If you are heading out of town, make sure you have a full tank of gas.
- Listen to the latest weather report.

We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to help each other as we tackle this storm and work together. Again, we ask that unnecessary travel be limited during the storm so that streets can remain clear.

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