

# News Release

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## **Snowplow crews to move overnight into residential streets**

Heavy snowfall fell throughout the day, but has ended. City snowplow crews are making a final pass over the major streets, and then will move overnight onto secondary and residential streets.

Here is the latest situation report.

- Danville is under a winter storm warning until 11 a.m. Monday. Snow began falling in Danville around 3 a.m. today. Heavy snowfall has fallen throughout the day. The National Weather Service office in Blacksburg reports that the heavy snowfall has ended, with light snow and possibly some sleet this evening. Danville has received a snow accumulation today of more than 12 inches.
- City Manager Ken Larking has declared a local state of emergency. Police say that citizens should not attempt to travel unless an emergency.
- Temperatures currently are 28 degrees, and they will remain at or below freezing overnight. Any citizen in need of shelter should call the non-emergency number for the Emergency Communications Center. That number is (434) 799-5111, option 8. The center will arrange to meet the need.
- The Police Department answered 22 weather-related calls today. Of those calls, 16 were for disabled vehicles and four were minor vehicle accidents, with no injuries.
- Works snowplow crews began clearing major thoroughfares at 4:30 a.m. today. Crews are scheduled for a round-the-clock snow removal operation. Crews are making a final pass on major thoroughfares. Later tonight, crews will move to streets that connect to primary routes and bus routes, and then into residential streets. Due to the heavy snow accumulation, it is estimated that it will take 36 to 48 hours to clear all residential streets. We do not clear private streets and alleys.
- Residents and visitors should not travel if possible. Not only is travel dangerous during a winter storm, but it also will pack the snow accumulation on the street and make the snow removal more difficult. Also, by staying off the streets, crews can clear streets more quickly.
- If you must travel, proceed with caution. Only the major thoroughfares have been pretreated. Remember that your car cannot start, stop or turn as quickly and

surely on snow as it does on dry pavement, so think and drive accordingly, and be cautious driving and walking in parking lots.

- A number of closings and cancellations for public buildings, services and programs have been announced for Monday:
- Danville Transit will not operate on Monday. The decision includes all transportation services.
- All Parks and Recreation programs scheduled for Monday have been canceled.
- All Parks and Recreation facilities, including both library buildings, will be closed.
- The James F. Ingram Justice Center (courthouse) will be closed.
- The Municipal Building will be closed to the public until noon Monday.
- Danville Public Schools also will be closed.
- Household trash pickup will take place as scheduled on Monday.
- Power and light crews have been responding to reports of power outages throughout the day. The outages included one major outage. That outage occurred early this afternoon when a fallen tree damaged a utility pole on Southland Drive in Danville. The damage left 915 customers in south Danville without power. Service to those customers has been restored. The rest of the outages today have been scattered throughout our service territory. Many of those outages have been restored.
- Electric customers whose residence or business is without power should call Danville Utilities at (434) 773-8300 to report the outage.
- When widespread outages occur, power and light line crews first are assigned to make repairs based on restoring power to the greatest number of customers in the shortest time. As lines are repaired and crews become available, they are assigned to areas with fewer outages.
- Customers should note that during the power restoration effort there are times when crews must temporarily shut off power to an area to make repairs. Once major lines serving a neighborhood are repaired, power may be on at some houses and off at others because of additional damage to lines and equipment serving those homes. Some houses may have electric service when others do not because houses may be on different lines or circuits.
- Each outage has different circumstances and some may take longer to identify the source of the problem. Widespread damage makes it more difficult to accurately predict when a particular customer's power will be restored.
- Customers using medical devices must make other arrangements in the event of a power outage and temporarily go to a location or medical facility that does have power. For customers unable to make other arrangements, they should call the non-emergency number for the Emergency Communications Center. That number is (434) 799-5111, option 8. The center will notify one of the participating agencies to meet the need.
- Residents and visitors should be aware that downed power lines are dangerous. Please call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Danville Regional Airport closed at 6 a.m. due to snow accumulation.

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