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National Weather Service issues winter storm warning

As expected, the National Weather Service in Blacksburg this afternoon upgraded the winter storm watch to a winter storm warning. The warning is in effect from 1 p.m. Saturday to 7 p.m. Sunday.

A warning is issued when at least three inches of snow and/or ice accumulations of one-fourth of an inch or more are likely within the next 24 hours.

For Danville, the primary wave of precipitation is still not expected to arrive until late Saturday evening. When it arrives, the precipitation is expected to be a mix of snow, sleet and ice, and then transition overnight to snow.

Street surfaces already are cold, so the National Weather Service warns that any precipitation will stick to the surface.

If you must travel during bad weather, emergency officials remind motorists to leave plenty of room between you and other vehicles and if driving on snow- or ice-covered roadways, reduce your speed. If conditions worsen, pull off the highway and remain in your vehicle. Do not set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you can take shelter.

To help ensure you are ready for winter weather, Virginia emergency management officials urge you to:

- Always keep enough non-perishable food in your home for three days.
- Keep fresh batteries on hand for weather radios and flashlights.
- Dress warmly. Wear multiple layers of thin clothing instead of a single layer of thick clothing.
- Properly vent kerosene heaters and keep any electric generators outside and away from open windows or doors to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Never burn charcoal indoors.

- Use a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio to monitor for changing weather conditions.
- Keep alternative heating sources and fire extinguishers on hand. Be sure your family knows how to use them.
- Store an emergency kit in your vehicle. Include scraper, jumper cables, tow chain, sand/salt, blankets, flashlight, first aid kit and road map.
- Check on neighbors, especially the elderly and disabled, and include pets in their emergency plans.

To keep animals safe during winter weather, emergency management officials recommend you:

- Make an emergency supplies kit for your pet and include medical records, a first aid kit, enough canned/dry food and water for 3-7 days and pet travel bag or carrier.
- Do not leave pets outside for long periods of time and bring pets inside when temperatures drop below freezing.
- Ensure your pet has a well-fitting collar.

For more information on how to prepare for winter storms, visit ready.gov/be-informed.

Here is a screenshot from the website of the National Weather Service in Blacksburg as of 4:09 p.m.

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