

News Release

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Less snow, more ice expected in latest forecast

In its latest forecast today, the National Weather Service projects less snow for Danville, but higher amounts of sleet and freezing rain in the city. Road conditions will become treacherous.

Light snow will arrive around 7 p.m., though there could be brief bands of snow before then. The snow will turn to a mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain overnight.

Less than an inch of snow is now expected through Sunday, but there will be an ice accumulation of one-tenth to three-tenths. Road conditions will be treacherous.

Here is the situation report at 4 p.m. Saturday:

- Danville is under a winter storm warning until 7 p.m. Sunday. In its latest forecast today, the National Weather Service projects less snow for Danville, but higher amounts of sleet and freezing rain in the city.
- Temperatures currently are 33 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.
- Public Works crews will begin working 12-hour shifts at 7 p.m. Trucks will operate snowplows and spread sand as the weather conditions dictate.
- With the freezing rain forecast, power outages are likely. Utility crews are on standby. 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.

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