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**PREPARE NOW FOR ANTICIPATED MID-WEEK WINTER WEATHER EVENT**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. December 15, 2020** — With the expectation of accumulating snow throughout the day and into the night on Wednesday, December 16, the Town of Purcellville would like to provide some very important reminders:

- Have a Family Preparedness Plan in place. Check out: <http://en.readynova.org/family>
- When a Snow Emergency is declared by the Town, there is no parking allowed on Snow Emergency Routes, which include: **Main Street – Business Route 7, Berlin Turnpike – Route 287, Maple Avenue, A Street, 20th Street, 21st Street, 32nd Street, 23rd Street, Nursery Avenue, Hatcher Avenue, and Hirst Road** – more information below.
- The Town plows all PUBLIC streets with the exception of Main Street, 287, and Hirst Road (which are plowed by VDOT). All PRIVATE streets are maintained by their respective Homeowner’s Associations.
- The Town’s primary objective is to clear the main arterial streets first, followed by primary roads with secondary subdivision and cul-de-sacs last. Every attempt is made to initially provide one passable lane. In the event of a life-threatening emergency, crews will work with emergency personnel to provide additional access.
- During a snow or ice event, vehicles, trailers, basketball hoops, trash cans and any other obstacles should be removed from the roadway. Crews are responsible for clearing the roadways to the edge of pavement or the curb, which may mean pushing deep snow completely surrounding vehicles parked on the street. Obstructions delay the overall operations and may result in your vehicle being snowed in.
- **Please do not let your children play in the streets or on/around snow piles along streets.** Our staff always keep an extra eye open and focus on safety; however, in heavy snow and low visibility, it can be hard to see if children are climbing on snow banks near the roadway. Safety is key!
- The Town Ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall. Please help keep Purcellville a walkable community. If ice is present and cannot be removed, it should be covered with sand, kitty litter, ashes or other substance that make for safe passage.
- It is strongly advised that you wait until the storm is over and significant plowing has been done on your street before removing snow from your driveway apron. Several passes are

needed to clear a roadway. Crews cannot avoid pushing snow back onto your driveway apron, nor can they clear the apron for you. Therefore, it is best to wait until the plowing activities have ceased before shoveling the end of your driveway. Snow from private driveways, business, or parking areas should NOT be pushed into the street.

- Finally, please be kind to your snow plow crews. They are working long shifts, and we are dedicated to keeping all public roadways clear in a safe and expeditious manner. Plowing efforts may result in snow blocking your driveway. This is unavoidable and will be minimized as much as possible. Should you have any issues or questions, please do not confront the plow drivers - contact Town Hall at (540) 338-7421, or Maintenance at (540) 338-7440 or (540) 454-1559.

Additional resources:

National Weather Service [www.weather.gov/washington](http://www.weather.gov/washington)

Dominion Energy [www.dominionenergy.com/virginia/report-outage-or-emergency](http://www.dominionenergy.com/virginia/report-outage-or-emergency)

VDOT at [www.va511.org](http://www.va511.org)

**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12<sup>th</sup> year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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