

# Town of Warrenton, Virginia

## Office of Emergency Management

### Winter Storm Harlow

SPOT REPORT: # 5

DATE: 2/10/24

TIME: 1800

#### Overview: Winter Storm Harlow - Warrenton, VA

##### **Situation:**

Winter Storm Harlow is significantly impacting the Warrenton area, and is expected to continue through early Thursday morning. Current forecasts predict heavy, wet snow, sleet, and ice accumulations ranging from six to ten inches. This precipitation and potential ice accumulation pose a significant threat to travel, infrastructure, and public safety.

##### **State Response:**

Governor Youngkin has proactively declared a state of emergency, enabling the Commonwealth to pre-position resources strategically. Warrenton has been selected as the staging point for the Virginia Army National Guard Debris Clearance teams. Additionally, chainsaw teams from the Department of Forestry, based in Charlottesville, are pre-positioned in the region.

##### **Local Response and Emergency Declaration:**

The Warrenton Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been in constant communication with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) regional office. To effectively access state resources and coordinate response efforts, a local declaration of emergency is required. The OEM has drafted a local declaration for the Town Manager's consideration.

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#### Next Steps/ Actions Taken:

Town Public Works crews are activated and out plowing the roads. Police have cleared the snow emergency routes and are responding to calls for service as received. The town leadership/snow team has been activated and is continuing to monitor the storm. A delayed opening for town facilities is expected due to the significant impact of the storm this evening.

#### No Unmet Needs at this time

- EM / EOC – Activated - Yellow -
- EOC - Activated Virtual
- Posted Snow Emergency Routes – In-Effect Tuesday 12 AM
- Local Declaration of Emergency – Declared @ 1100
- Public Works Staffed on 24 Hr Rotation.
- EM / DPW Strike Team Staffed through the duration of the event
- Warming Shelter – No Plans currently for activation unless the need arises
- Power Outages - No known outages at this time
- Road Closures - None

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#### Please note:

- This is a data may change as conditions evolve.
- Please monitor weather updates closely.
- Be prepared for potential travel delays and disruptions.

Timing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Tuesday - Tuesday night: Feb 11-12.</li><li>▪ Late Wednesday - early Thursday: Feb 12-13.</li></ul>
Impacts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Winter Storm Warning is in effect for impactful snow and/or ice Tuesday through Tuesday night. 6 – 10+ inches of heavy wet snow, sleet and ice.</li><li>○ Significant travel impacts and closures are possible across the entire area.</li><li>▪ There is a winter storm threat late Wednesday through early Thursday for the potential of impactful snow and ice.</li></ul>
Forecast Confidence:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Heavy Snow is underway with rates of upwards 1” per hour until 1 AM.</li><li>▪ Confidence is high for wintry precipitation occurring late Wednesday into Thursday, and medium for snow/ice amounts.</li></ul>
Alert Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full Activation</li></ul>
Next Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2/12/25 1200</li></ul>

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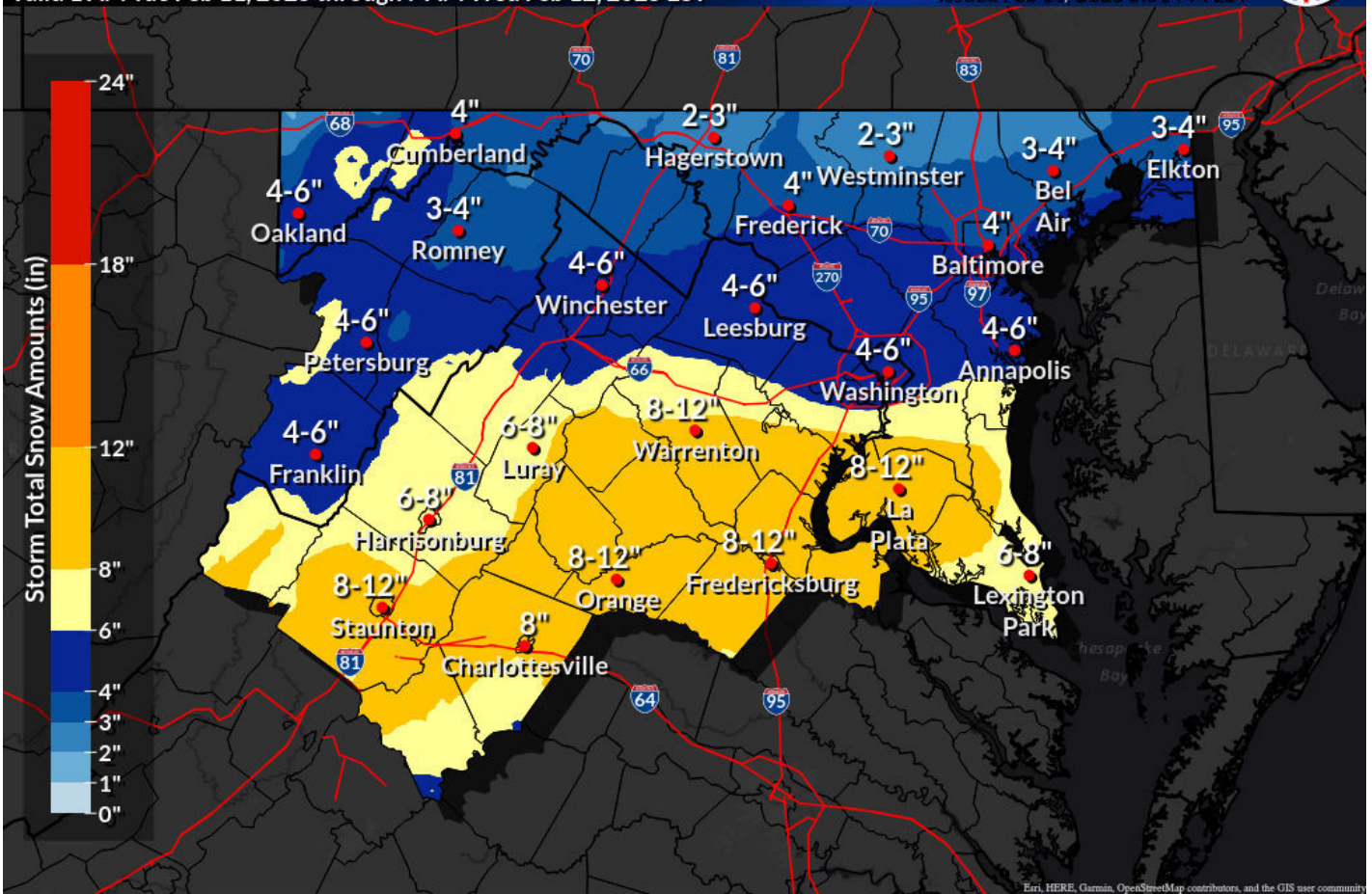
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#### Event Total Snowfall

Valid 1 AM Tue Feb 11, 2025 through 7 AM Wed Feb 12, 2025 EST

Weather Forecast Office  
Baltimore/Washington

Issued Feb 11, 2025 5:51 PM EST



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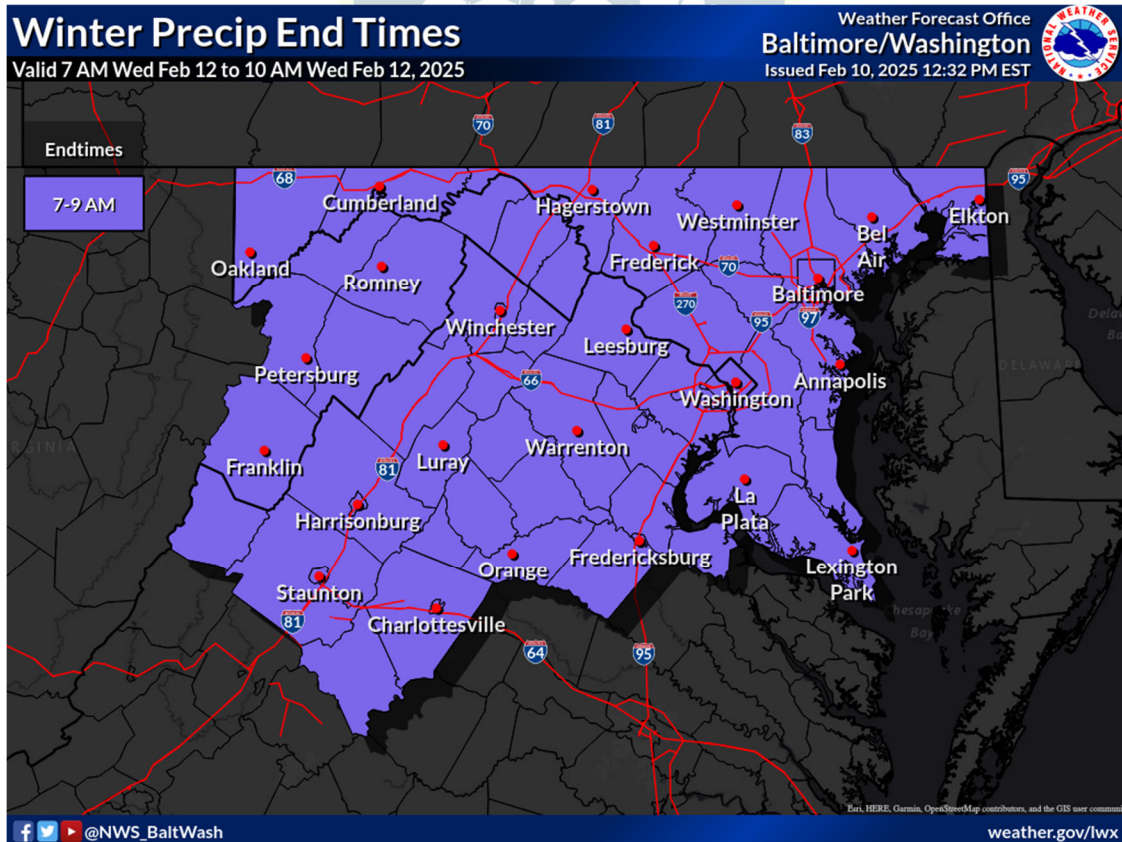
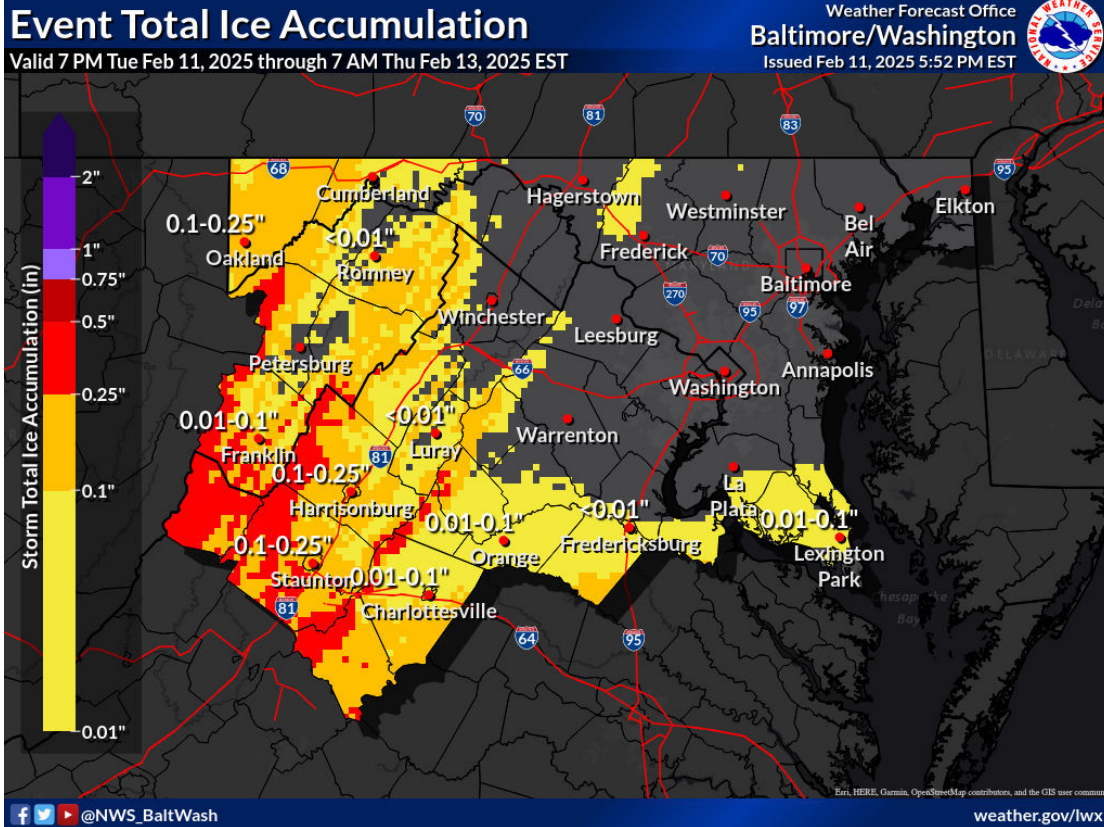
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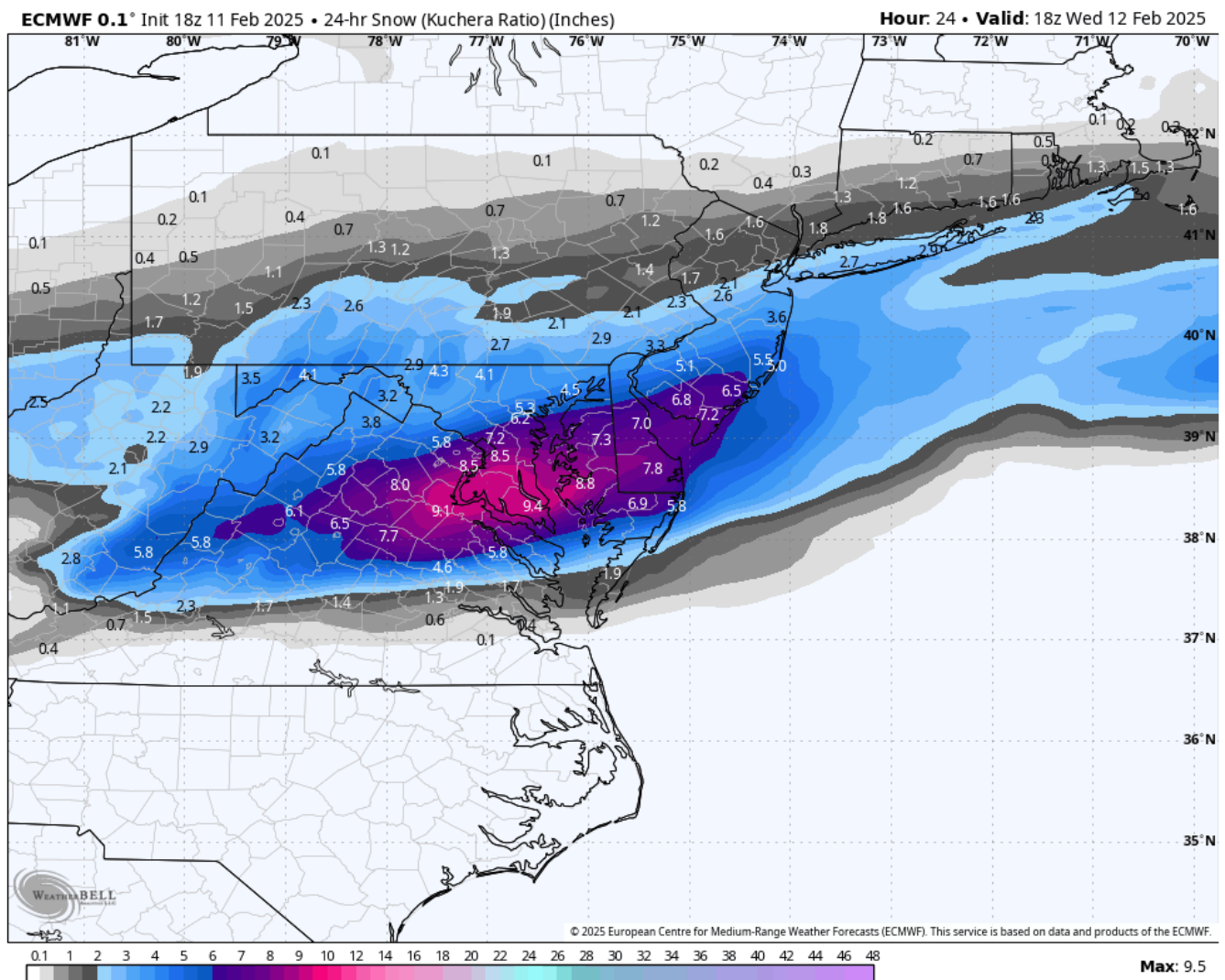
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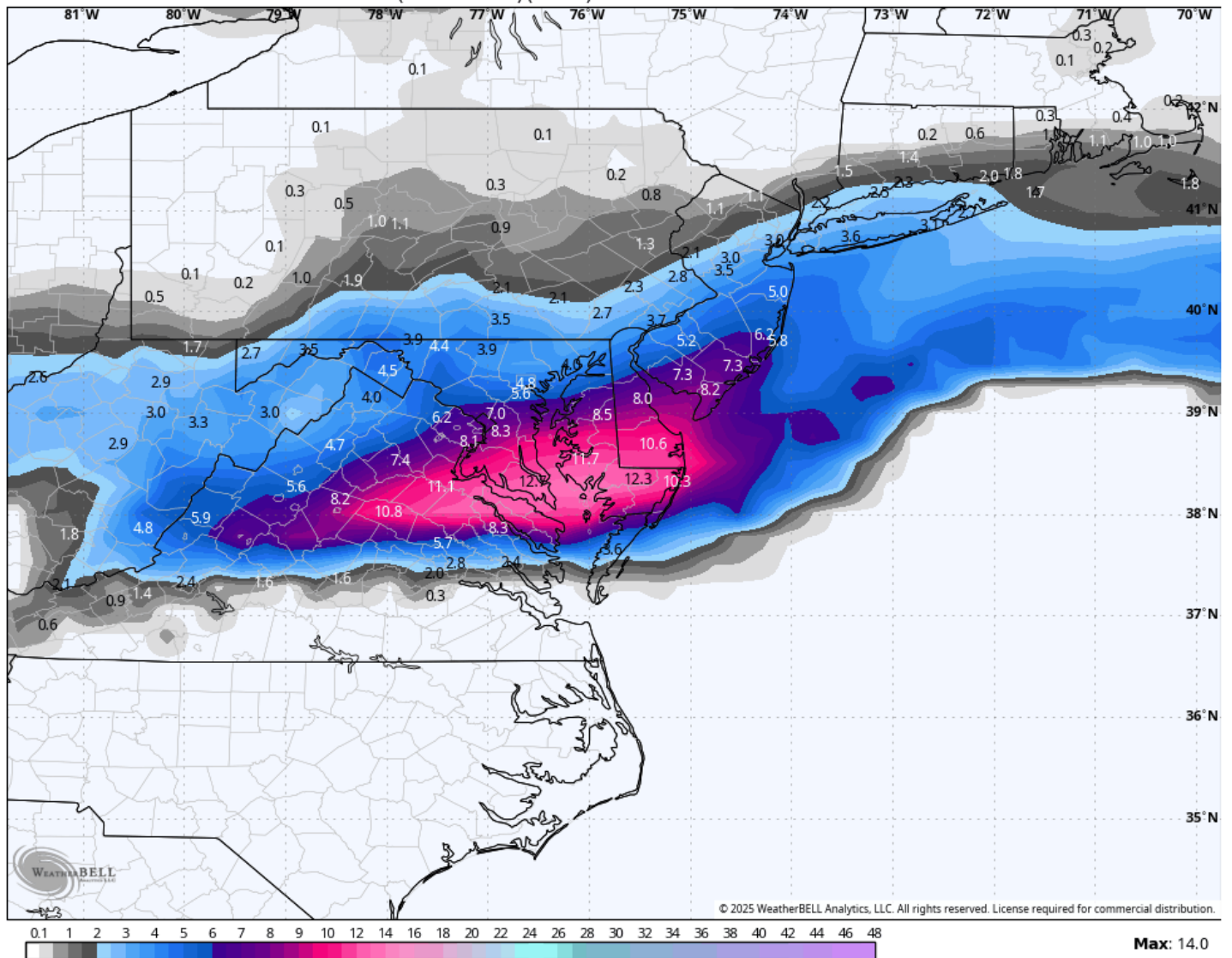
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GFS 0.25° Init 18z 11 Feb 2025 • 24-hr Snow (Kuchera Ratio) (Inches)

Hour: 24 • Valid: 18z Wed 12 Feb 2025

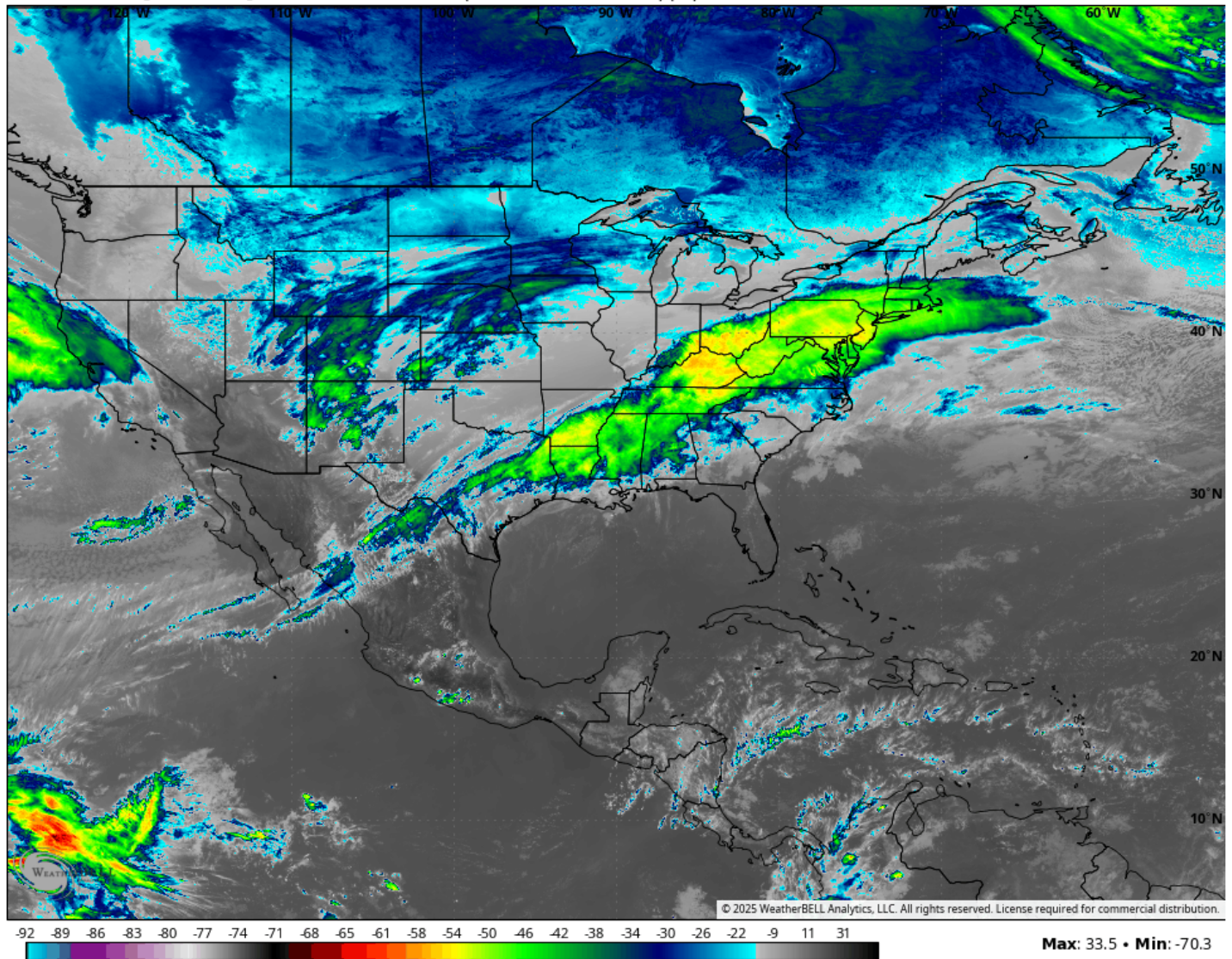




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GOES – East [FULLDISK] 0.04° • GOES ABI Ch 13 (Infrared Clean Window) (°C)

Valid: 2309z Tue 11 Feb 2025





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#### Hazardous Weather Conditions

- [Winter Storm Warning until February 12, 07:00 AM EST](#)
- [Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)
- [Special Weather Statement](#)

Current conditions at

#### Warrenton-Fauquier Airport (KHWY)

Lat: 38.59°N Lon: 77.72°W Elev: 302ft.



Snow

**31°F**  
-1°C

Humidity 91%  
Wind Speed Calm  
Barometer 30.25 in  
Dewpoint 29°F (-2°C)  
Visibility 0.75 mi  
Last update 11 Feb 5:55 pm EST

#### More Information:

[Local Forecast Office](#)  
[More Local Wx](#)  
[3 Day History](#)  
[Hourly Weather Forecast](#)

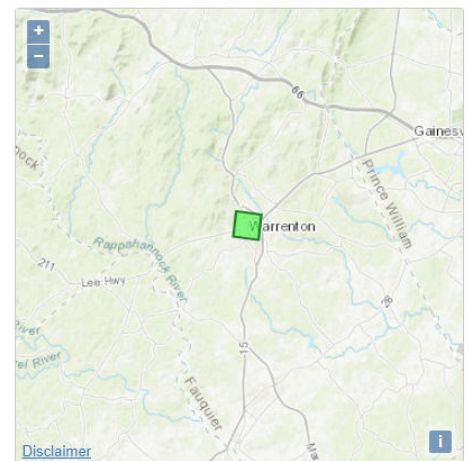
#### Extended Forecast for Warrenton VA

[Click here for hazard details and duration](#)

NOW until 7:00am Wed		Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
100%		100%	50% → 80%	100%	30%				70% → 100%
Low: 28 °F		Low: 28 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 32 °F	High: 50 °F	Low: 26 °F	High: 40 °F	Low: 26 °F	High: 42 °F
Heavy Snow		Heavy Snow	Chance Wintry Mix then Wintry Mix	Rain	Chance Rain then Partly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Rain Likely then Rain

#### Detailed Forecast

Tonight	Snow, mainly before 4am. The snow could be heavy at times. Low around 28. Light and variable wind becoming southeast around 5 mph in the evening. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 3 to 5 inches possible.
Wednesday	A chance of snow, freezing rain, and sleet before 1pm, then rain likely, possibly mixed with snow and sleet between 1pm and 4pm, then rain after 4pm. High near 35. East wind 3 to 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Little or no ice accumulation expected. New snow and sleet accumulation of less than a half inch possible.
Wednesday Night	Rain, mainly before 4am. Low around 32. Calm wind. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.
Thursday	A chance of rain, mainly before 7am. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 50. South wind 6 to 10 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 23 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.
Thursday Night	Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Northwest wind 8 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Friday	Sunny, with a high near 40.
Friday Night	Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.
Saturday	Rain. High near 42. Chance of precipitation is 100%.
Saturday Night	Rain. Low around 37. Chance of precipitation is 100%.
Sunday	Rain, mainly before 1pm. High near 55. Chance of precipitation is 90%.
Sunday Night	Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.
Washington's Birthday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 35.
Monday Night	Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.
Tuesday	Partly sunny, with a high near 40.



#### ABOUT THIS FORECAST

**Point Forecast:** Warrenton VA  
38.72°N 77.8°W (Elev. 600 ft)  
**Last Update:** 5:44 pm EST Feb 11, 2025  
**Forecast Valid:** 6pm EST Feb 11, 2025-6pm EST Feb 18, 2025

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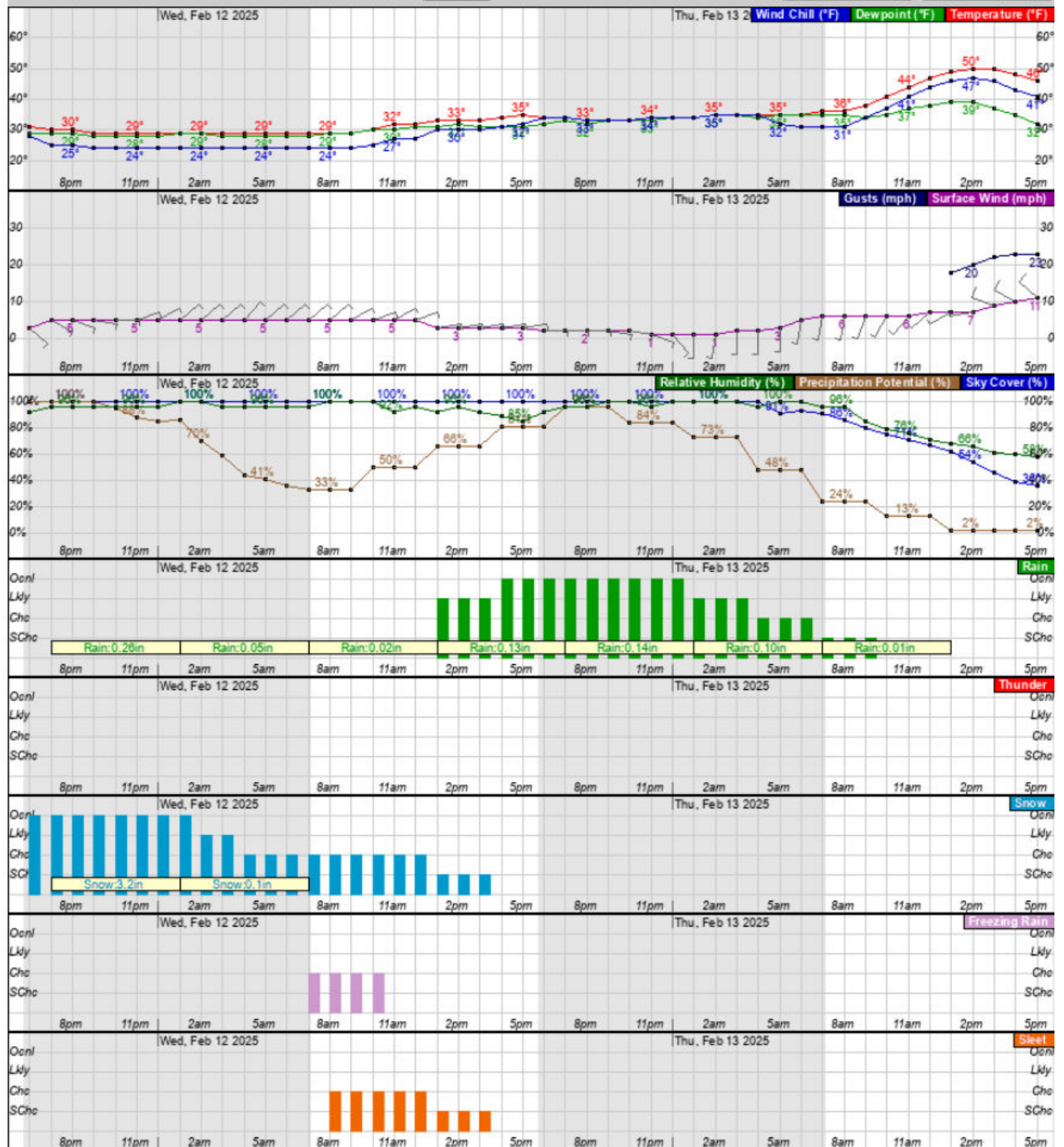
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48-Hour Period Starting: 6pm Tue, Feb 11 2025

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Forward 2 Days



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#### Winter Storm Warning

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE

National Weather Service Baltimore MD/Washington DC

115 PM EST Tue Feb 11 2025

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Warren-Rappahannock-Culpeper-Northern Fauquier-Southern Fauquier-

115 PM EST Tue Feb 11 2025

...WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 7 AM EST WEDNESDAY...

- \* WHAT...Heavy snow. Additional snow accumulations between 3 and 6 inches with storm total amounts around 4 to 8 inches.
- \* WHERE...Culpeper, Northern Fauquier, Southern Fauquier, Rappahannock, and Warren Counties.
- \* WHEN...Until 7 AM EST Wednesday.
- \* IMPACTS...Travel could be very difficult. The hazardous conditions could impact today's evening commute, as well as both the morning commute on Wednesday. Roads may become impassable due to the combination of heavy, wet snow through tonight, followed by significant icing Wednesday afternoon and evening.
- \* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...The steadiest snow is expected through this evening. Snowfall rates around 1 to 2 inches per hour and visibility below one half mile are possible during this time. A light wintry mix may continue into Wednesday.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

If you must travel, keep an extra flashlight, food, and water in your vehicle in case of an emergency. The latest road conditions for the state you are calling from can be obtained by calling 5 1 1.

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#### Special Weather Statement

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National Weather Service Baltimore MD/Washington DC

341 PM EST Tue Feb 11 2025

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District of Columbia-Prince Georges-Anne Arundel-Charles-Northwest Montgomery-Central and Southeast Montgomery-Northwest Howard-Central and Southeast Howard-Fairfax-Arlington/Falls Church/Alexandria-Stafford-Spotsylvania-Northern Fauquier-Southern Fauquier-Western Loudoun-Eastern Loudoun-Northwest Prince William-Central and Southeast Prince William/Manassas/Manassas Park-Including the cities of Washington, Bowie, Suitland-Silver Hill, Clinton, College Park, Greenbelt, Laurel, Camp Springs, Glen Burnie, Annapolis, Severn, South Gate, Severna Park, Arnold, Odenton, St. Charles, Waldorf, Germantown, Damascus, Bethesda, Rockville, Gaithersburg, Silver Spring, Lisbon, Columbia, Ellicott City, Reston, Herndon, Annandale, Centreville, Chantilly, McLean, Franconia, Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church, Falmouth, Fredericksburg, Warrenton, Turnbull, Purcellville, Leesburg, Ashburn, Sterling, Haymarket, Dale City, Manassas, Woodbridge, Lake Ridge, and Montclair

341 PM EST Tue Feb 11 2025

...RAPIDLY DETERIORATING CONDITIONS FOR THE EVENING COMMUTE...

Moderate to heavy snow will overspread the area by 5 PM and continue through this evening. Snowfall rates around 1 to 2 inches per hour are expected. The heavy snow will combine with falling temperatures and rapidly stick on all surfaces during the evening commute. If you are travelling, drive slowly and leave plenty of distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. Be prepared for snow covered roads.

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### **Snow Emergency Route Activation Order**

**Issued: Monday, February 10th, at 8:00 AM**

**Effective: Tuesday, February 11th, To Begin at 12:00 PM**

The National Weather Service has issued a winter weather outlook regarding the accumulating snow potential across the area from Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The forecasted impact on the area is projected to be 5+ inches of heavy snow.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10, Article VI of the Town of Warrenton Code of Ordinances (specifically Sections 10-62 through 10-64), the Snow Emergency Routes are hereby declared to be activated on February 11th, at 12:00 PM. This order shall remain in effect for a duration of 48 Hours or until revoked. This order activates all designated Snow Emergency Routes within the Town of Warrenton.

#### **Parking Restrictions**

- Parking is strictly prohibited on all designated Snow Emergency Routes.
- Vehicles parked on Snow Emergency Routes during this Snow Emergency may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

#### **Designated Snow Emergency Routes**

Alexandria Pike	East Shirley Ave.	Main Street
Blackwell Road	Falmouth Street	Waterloo Street
Broadview Avenue	Frost Avenue	West Shirley Ave.
Culpeper Street	Lee Highway	Winchester Street

Please comply with these parking restrictions to allow for efficient snow removal operations and ensure the safety of all residents.

For updates on the Snow Event, please visit the Town of Warrenton website at <https://www.warrentonva.gov> or contact the Emergency Management hotline at (540) 215-0054

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Frank Cassidy  
Town Manager

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**For Immediate Release:** February 10, 2025

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## Governor Glenn Youngkin Declares a State of Emergency and Urges Virginians to Prepare in Advance of the Winter Weather

**RICHMOND, VA** - Governor Glenn Youngkin today declared a state of emergency in advance of the impending winter weather. He is urging all Virginians to take preparatory actions and heed the warnings from their local and state officials.

"With another round of winter weather across the state this week forecasted to bring heavy snow and ice, I am declaring a state of emergency so we can move resources around the state," **said Governor Glenn Youngkin.** "I urge all Virginians to monitor your local forecast and to prepare for possible impacts to roadways and infrastructure beginning overnight Monday throughout Tuesday."

The National Weather Service forecasts are predicting areas of accumulating snow, freezing rain, ice, and excessive rainfall that could cause flooding, power outages, and hazardous travel conditions. To coordinate the state's response activities, the Virginia Emergency Support Team will be activated.

If having to travel during the storm, drivers are reminded to do the following:

- **Use headlights.** Increasing your visibility helps you to avoid slick and dangerous spots on the road, as well as helps other drivers see you better.
- **Slow your speed.** Though state police works closely with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to identify problem areas on Virginia's highways during a winter storm, drivers still must drive for conditions. Slowing your speed gives you more time to safely react and avoid a crash. Drive your vehicle based on your ability to properly maintain control of your vehicle.
- **Don't tailgate.** You need increased stopping distance on slick road surfaces. Give yourself more space between vehicles traveling ahead of you to avoid rear end collisions.
- **Buckle Up.** Most crashes that occur during winter weather are caused by vehicles sliding into guardrails, off the road or other vehicles. Wearing your seat belt protects you from being thrown around the inside of your vehicle and suffering serious injury in a crash.
- **Check Your Vehicle.** Make sure your vehicle is in good working order for the conditions. Fill up the tank in advance. Check windshield wipers, windshield wiper fluid, tire tread, battery life, etc.
- **Don't leave home** without a window scraper, blanket, bottled water, snack, cell phone charger and flashlight.



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#### DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF WARRENTON, VA

**WHEREAS**, on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Governor Glenn Youngkin declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia based on National Weather Service forecasts indicating a severe winter weather threat with snow accumulations of 6 – 10 inches along with sleet, ice, freezing rain, and temperatures below freezing for several days that could cause transportation difficulties and power outages; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Warning beginning 11:00 AM Tuesday, February 11, 2025, for the Town of Warrenton, forecasting 6 – 10 inches of heavy snowfall, sleet, and ice accumulation; and


**WHEREAS**, I, Frank Cassidy, as Town Manager for the Town of Warrenton, find that the imminent threat of severe winter weather and the potential for loss or interruption of vital Town services, public safety, water, sewer, and transportation, posed by this severe snow storm, constitutes a situation of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate any potential damage, loss, hardship, or suffering; and

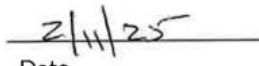
**WHEREAS**, Chapter 20 of the Town of Warrenton Code of Ordinances addresses emergency management and disaster preparedness, specifically including Sec. 20-5 regarding the declaration of emergencies; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025, effective 11:00 AM that an emergency does now exist throughout the Town of Warrenton, Virginia, and acting as Director of Emergency Management, I, Frank Cassidy exercise the authority given to me under Code of Virginia § 44-146.21, and the Town of Warrenton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Section 5 to declare a local state of emergency that shall remain in effect until rescinded by a subsequent order; and

**BE IT YET FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that I shall present a resolution ratifying said declaration of local emergency at the next regular meeting of the Town of Warrenton Town Council on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, pursuant to Code of Virginia § 44-146.21, and the Town of Warrenton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Section 5.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Warrenton to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

  
Frank Cassidy  
Town Manager

  
Date

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## VDOT News Release



## NEWS RELEASE

VDOT.Virginia.gov

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Feb. 10, 2025  
CULP 2025-022

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### **WINTER STORM BRINGING SNOW AND ICE TO CENTRAL VIRGINIA** *Plan travel around the storm and stay off the roads during and after the snowfall*

CULPEPER — Snow and ice are forecast to move into the Culpeper District beginning Tuesday morning and stretching into Wednesday afternoon. The National Weather Service issued a [Winter Storm Warning](#) today for much of the Piedmont region through Wednesday afternoon.

The storm is expected to bring 7 to 9 inches of snow, sleet, and freezing rain to the region making for hazardous driving conditions. VDOT crews are brining Interstate 64 and Interstate 66 today and are staging crews across the area to work around the clock in 12-hour shifts. Drivers should be cautious around heavy equipment pretreating the roadways and allow plenty of room for them to work.

Make your final preparations today and plan travel around the storm. Once the snow starts falling, stay off the road to allow our crews to push snow and treat roadways as needed to make them passable.

#### **Safety and Travel Resources**

When winter weather arrives, residents and motorists should plan travel ahead of time, check road conditions, [prepare an emergency car kit](#), follow forecasts and announcements and limit travel based on conditions.

Prior to travel, motorists should visit [511.vdot.virginia.gov](http://511.vdot.virginia.gov), call 511 or check the 511 Virginia

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## Dominion Power Update

Good evening:

As we look to the next few days, we've been advised by our weather team that snow will advance over our Virginia service territory between 9:00am and 2:00pm Tuesday, with most areas seeing snow by afternoon. As is consistent with our planning, we've increased our outage threat level to significant for portions of Dominion Energy's service territory that may lead to a multi-day winter storm restoration event.

One of our greatest concerns is heavy wet snow that could occur tomorrow afternoon and into evening while surface temperatures remain 33-35°. With little wind expected 3+ inches of this snow could bring areas of significant service interruptions. The outage window looks most likely after 4:00pm Tuesday afternoon and lasting through the night.

We have spent the last several days stockpiling equipment and supplies and mobilizing our crews in preparation for the storm. We're deploying hundreds of crews and bucket trucks to field offices throughout the day, and we're prepared to bring on additional crews as needed. We will work as safely and quickly as possible to restore our customers' power.

The Dominion Energy app is the easiest way to report outages and track restoration. If you lose power, there are three easy ways to report your outage and track your restoration time: 1) Dominion Energy mobile apps, [iPhone](#) and [Google](#); 2) [Dominion Energy website](#); or 3) Call 866-DOM-HELP (866-366-4357).

As always, we are reminding our customers to stay away from downed poles and power lines. If you see a downed pole or wire, please report it by calling 866-DOM-HELP and stay at least 30 feet away. The line could be energized and dangerous.

[Prepare food, water and emergency supplies.](#) Before any storm, it's always good to have bottled water and non-perishable food on hand, as well as emergency supplies such as flashlights, batteries, first aid kits and medications. Fully charge your phone, computer and other electronic devices before the storm arrives. Consider purchasing portable batteries to extend the life of your devices.

If you need anything during this event, please do not hesitate to let me know. Please stay safe.

Jeanne

Jeanne Underwood, LPW '18  
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