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News Release

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City of Durham Announces Closures Due to Weather

Motorists Urged to Stay Off Streets to Allow for Clearing Operations to Continue

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham is announcing the following closures, delays and updates regarding today's winter weather event. Residents are encouraged to like <http://Facebook.com/CityofDurhamNC> and follow <http://Twitter.com/CityofDurhamNC> to get up-to-date information about roads, programs, services, trash collection and more.

- City Hall and non-emergency City operations are closed on Tuesday, February 17 due to icy roads with no anticipated road condition improvements today.
- The City's Solid Waste Management Department has suspended solid waste, recycling, yard waste, and bulky items collections on Tuesday, February 17. The department plans to make up collections for Tuesday customers on Wednesday, February 18, weather and road conditions permitting. Only trash and recycling will be collected on Wednesday. Bulky items and yard waste collections normally scheduled for Tuesday will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled collection day. The City's Waste Disposal and Recycling Center (Transfer Station) and Household Hazardous Waste Center will also be closed on Tuesday, February 17. Customers who are waiting for collection should continue to leave their carts on the curb. Any questions or concerns regarding solid waste collection schedule changes should be directed to Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200.
- Durham Parks and Recreation (DPR) has also closed all recreation facilities, fields, rental facilities, offices and pools. All after-school programs are also canceled on Tuesday, February 17. For weather-related updates, call the DPR weather line at (919) 560-4636.

Updates will also be available at <http://www.DPRPlayMore.org> and <http://Facebook.com/DurhamParksandRecreation>.

- The City's Public Works Department is encouraging people to stay off of the streets unless absolutely necessary. City crews will continue with salting operations all day and they need minimal traffic to allow them to clear as much as possible for tomorrow's commute. The City's plan of action for clearing and reducing hazards on city streets is prioritized in the following order:
 - Bridges and overpasses throughout the city.
 - Major arterial streets within the city.
 - Streets to essential health facilities, police and fire stations, and critical community facilities.
 - Routes to two City fuel sites.
 - Streets within the central business district.
 - Clear access to Durham Public Schools.
 - All residential areas with priority initially to passage of emergency vehicles and then to all traffic.

- Residents and property owners are responsible for snow and ice removal in their driveways, apartment access roads, parking lots, and sidewalks. The clearing of private streets is the responsibility of the homeowners within that subdivision. In order to facilitate snow and ice removal on city streets, residents can help by adhering to the following tips:
 - Stay off the roads if at all possible.
 - Drive very slowly and carefully. If involved in a property damage wreck, motorists should pull off the road to prevent additional accidents and remember that it may take some additional time for an officer to respond to the accident due to icy road conditions.
 - If at all possible, park cars off the street or highway to let salt-and-sand spreaders pass with ease.
 - Treat intersections with malfunctioning traffic lights as four-way stops and proceed with caution.

- Residents are reminded to be careful of any downed power lines and should report them to Duke Energy Carolinas at 800-POWERON or 800-769-3766 (English), or 866-4APAGON or

866-427-2466 (Español). Residents are also asked to use alternative heating sources carefully in the event of a power outage.

- To report downed trees on City streets, residents should contact the Durham Emergency Communications Center non-emergency line at (919) 560-4600 unless the downed tree presents an immediate, life-threatening hazard; then call 9-1-1.

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