



What to Expect During the Storm from Supervisor Letourneau 1/26/26 11:25am

As you are almost certainly aware of at this point, forecasters are calling for what could be a large winter weather event this weekend in Northern Virginia. The exact amount and type of precipitation is still unknown, but it is likely we will see impacts beginning late Saturday and stretching into late Sunday or early Monday morning. One outstanding concern is that the precipitation will turn to ice, which creates elevated risk for power outages. Please prepare accordingly.

Most of the roads in the Dulles District are maintained by VDOT, but some smaller neighborhood roads are under HOA control. Loudoun County does not maintain roads. If you are unsure who maintains your street, you can [click here](#) to access an interactive map to help determine the entity responsible for clearing snow.

VDOT is mobilizing a large response to respond to the storm, but is urging patience. The Northern Virginia District has over 16,000 roads. VDOT is mobilizing about 3,000 pieces of equipment across the

district. Their priority is going to be clearing interstates and primary roads - like Route 50. Roads are currently being pre-treated - you'll see equipment out there throughout the day today. With temperatures expected to remain quite low over the next week, clearing roads to bare pavement is going to be very challenging.

If you are wondering what the status on plows is- or are getting frustrated by lack of progress in your neighborhood - VDOT has an interactive real time snow plow tracker. This year, VDOT made enhancements to the existing tracker website at plows.vdot.virginia.gov. Residents can now see breadcrumbs - a location data history trail - for trucks in the district during storms where more than two inches of snow have accumulated. Based on the forecast, VDOT expects this going live Saturday night. Due to the sheer amount of data, they will only be displaying the last six hours of breadcrumbs, but will be capturing more data internally.

Please note that according to the Loudoun County Codified Ordinances, property owners must clear sidewalks in front of their homes within six hours of the end of a winter weather event. Obviously, enforcement is going to be reasonable - nobody expects folks to be out there in the middle of the night shoveling - but the point is to try to be mindful as you are clearing snow and allow for passage.

In the event of a power outage, you can track the status of outages and make a report for NOVEC and Dominion online:

NOVEC - <https://www.novec.com/stormcenter/index.cfm>

Dominion - <https://www.dominionenergy.com/virginia/report-outage-or-emergency>

Of course, if you need assistance during the storm, you can feel free to reach out to me. I have lines of communication available with VDOT, the County, law enforcement, and power company representatives.

Traffic Safety Town Hall Meeting Tuesday

You may recall that I am planning to hold a Dulles Direct Town Hall Meeting this Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Freedom High School auditorium

(25450 Riding Center Drive in South Riding). I have asked representatives of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), as well as the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), to join me to discuss traffic safety in our area. As of now, that is still on, but if schools are closed or weather continues to cause impacts (including for our VDOT representatives) we will postpone the meeting and send out a notice. Stay tuned.