



TOWN OF WILKESBORO

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To the Citizens of Wilkesboro:

As we prepare for a winter storm anticipated to impact North Carolina beginning on or about January 24, 2026, I want to encourage all citizens of Wilkesboro to begin preparing now and take safety precautions seriously.

Winter storms can create hazardous conditions quickly, including icy roads, falling tree limbs, reduced visibility, and power outages. The Town of Wilkesboro is closely monitoring conditions and coordinating with Wilkes County Emergency Management and emergency response partners as preparations continue.

Winter Storm Safety Reminders

To help keep you and your family safe, please consider the following:

- Avoid travel when roads become icy or dangerous unless absolutely necessary
- Keep cell phones charged and have flashlights with extra batteries available
- If using space heaters, use them safely and keep them away from curtains, furniture, and other flammable materials
- If using a generator, never operate it indoors or in enclosed areas
- Keep supplies on hand, including drinking water, medications, and non-perishable foods
- Check on elderly neighbors or anyone who may need help during the storm

In case of emergency or life-threatening situations, call 911 immediately.

For storm-related assistance or reporting:

- Emergency / Police / Fire / Medical: 911
- Wilkes County Emergency Management: (336) 651-7305
- Duke Energy (fallen lines, hazards, outages): 800-POWERON (800-769-3766)
 - If you see a fallen power line or safety hazard involving Duke Energy equipment, do not touch the line or anything in contact with it, and keep others away until help arrives.

The Town of Wilkesboro appreciates everyone's cooperation and preparedness as we face this weather event. Please remain cautious, stay informed, and take steps now to ensure your household is ready.

Respectfully,

Dale Isom, Mayor
Town of Wilkesboro