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Major Winter Storm to Affect Jones County

TRENTON, N.C. – Jones County and surrounding areas will likely see a major winter storm this weekend. The National Weather Service has indicated that our area will experience extreme cold, wind gusts, and significant snow accumulation.

Residents should:

- Avoid travel. Roadway conditions will deteriorate early Saturday and throughout the weekend. Staying off the roads allows first responders, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and other personnel to work more safely to clear roads and respond to emergencies.
- Curfew: Unless a member of the County's law enforcement agency or emergency management team, every person who is located within Jones County is to be inside a house dwelling from the hours of 7 PM (Saturday, 1/31/2026) to 7 AM (Sunday, 2/1/2026).
- Have a plan for how you stay warm should you lose power. Finalize plans today.
- With an extended period of cold temperatures, some bodies of water will form a thin layer of ice. Please stay off the ice, and ensure your pets and children remain off the ice, as it will be unable to support any weight.
- Stock up on food and water for several days, as the roads may be unfit for travel for an extended period due to cold temperatures.
- Check your disaster kit.
- Prepare for frozen water pipes. Wrap exposed pipes with insulation or other available materials, such as towels. Continuously drip water through faucets. If pipes freeze, a hair dryer can be used to thaw them.
- Check in on family and neighbors, and bring pets and animals indoors.
- In an emergency, dial 911 immediately. To report hazardous or dangerous conditions, contact the Jones County Emergency Services Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 252-397-0007.

Be Prepared

For additional winter weather preparedness resources, visit:

- Road Conditions: <https://drivenc.gov/>
- National Weather Service weather safety: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/>
- North Carolina Department of Public Safety preparedness: <https://www.readync.gov/>
- FEMA's Winter preparedness page: <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

Stay Informed

- Stay updated by viewing Jones County's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/jonescountync.gov/>)
- Register for emergency notifications via text, email, and phone calls through the Hyper-Reach Notification System, visit (<http://hyper-reach.com/ncjonessignup.html>)