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City prepares for snow Friday afternoon

Feb. 12, 2016 - Hampton's Public Works Department continues to pretreat major roads and a liberal leave policy is in effect at City Hall as a winter storm prepares to drop 1-2 inches of snow on the area starting as early as noon.

Pretreatment, which started Thursday, will continue until snow begins to fall, when the work will turn to snow removal. City staff is on standby in case shelters need to be opened, and the H.E.L.P. day center at 329 Buckroe Avenue will be open all day today. The rotating shelter program A Night's Welcome is at Community Presbyterian Church, 400 Fox Hill Road, Friday night and Saturday night. Starting Sunday night the shelter program will be at First United Methodist Church, 110 East Queen St.

The Public Works Department has a full staff on hand, and will continue regularly scheduled trash collection. The goal is to finish before the snow becomes a road hazard. If they have to stop collection today they'll finish the next possible day. Police and fire are also on alert.

Public Works staff has some 120 equipment operators, 26 dump trucks with snow plows and spreaders, 6 brine trucks with snow plows, 1,700 tons of salt, 15,000 gallons of brine and 5,000 gallons of calcium chloride on site and ready to be used.

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