

# HAMPTON VA

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## City prepares for rain, up to an inch of snow

**Jan. 26, 2015** - Hampton officials continue to monitor and prepare for a winter storm that is expected to drop rain and about an inch of snow on the area today and Tuesday.

The forecast from the National Weather Service calls for winds of 10-15 mph. The snow is expected to start between 10-12 p.m. today and end between 8-9 a.m. Tuesday. Flooding is not expected.

Police, Fire and Public Works employees are preparing for the rain and snow, and a Human Services shelter team is on call. The H.E.L.P. emergency shelter for the homeless this week is at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church in Grafton. Transportation is provided.

City officials have also made arrangements to work with the PORT emergency shelter program in Newport News.

Students are not in class today or Tuesday because they are a professional development days for Hampton City Schools.

Paul Richardson, superintendent of streets in Hampton, said the city has both equipment and supplies ready for the snow, with 12,000 gallons of brine available and the ability to produce more as needed. Richardson said the city also has about 2,000 tons of road salt available – twice what would normally be used in an entire winter.

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