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## City pretreats roads, prepares for more snow

**Feb. 25, 2015** – Hampton continue to brace for the coming winter storm, with work crews from the Public Works Department pretreating major roads Wednesday afternoon and A Night's Welcome - the non-profit shelter program for the homeless, operating at First Baptist Church, 229 N. King St., until Saturday.

Staff from the Department of Social Services will provide assistance at the church Thursday and Friday, and the Day Center operated by H.E.L.P. will be closed during this time.

The National Weather Service says Hampton and the Peninsula could get 6-8 inches of snow starting with light rain or snow about 7 p.m. Wednesday through noon Thursday. The heaviest snowfall is expected to start about midnight.

Trash collection continued Wednesday with workers picking up Thursday's trash and recycling routes when possible. Residents whose trash has not been collected this week have been asked to leave their containers on the curb until they can be picked up.

Paul Richardson, superintendent of streets and bridges, said Hampton has 35 trucks ready to begin plowing roads when the snow falls. He said salt, brine and other supplies are in good shape, and more salt was being delivered. Hampton makes its own brine solution for use on the roads, and sells brine to nearby communities.

Early Wednesday, about 90% of the city's main roads were clear. To find out which roads are on the list for plowing, go to <http://www.hampton.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4051>.

Thursday morning at 6 a.m. Hampton Roads Transit is scheduled to implement its emergency snow routes plan. The plan is designed to provide essential service along major corridors. Go to <http://gohrt.com/route/snow-routes> to see the routes online.

Public Works has asked motorists to be careful when driving near snowplows because the equipment can be dangerous to drive around. Last week, city police began escorting plows to make sure drivers and motorists are safe.

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