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City prepares for rain, ice, snow

March 5, 2015 – with more rain, ice and snow in the forecast throughout Thursday, Hampton officials said they have workers, equipment and supplies ready for whatever falls.

Employees in the Public Works Department were working regular shifts Thursday morning, but prepared to go to 12-hour shifts as needed. Police and fire personnel were also prepared to help as needed.

Hampton had 500 tons of salt on hand Thursday, 15,000 gallons of brine and 4,500 gallons of calcium chloride. In addition, the city had 35 plows and about 20 other pieces of equipment that could be used to help clear city streets of snow. So far this year, the city has used 800 tons of salt, 45,000 gallons of brine and 4,500 gallons of calcium chloride.

Residents are reminded that the city plows only primary and secondary streets, because Hampton does not have the staff or equipment to plow all city streets. Also, residents are encouraged to give plows a wide berth. City police will accompany some plows to make sure both plow drivers and motorists remain safe.

As the rain turns to ice and snow, residents are also reminded to stay off the streets if they don't need to travel. Finally, trash collection is expected to continue as usual, but could be delayed if roads are not passable.

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