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WEEKEND WINTER STORM HEADING TOWARDS MARYLAND: ACCUMULATING SNOW, HIGH WINDS, AND COLD TEMPERATURES LIKELY FOR ENTIRE STATE BEGINNING FRIDAY

Westminster, Thursday, January 21, 2016 — A winter storm system is heading toward Carroll County and will likely bring heavy snow, high winds, and cold temperatures to the area. The storm is expected to begin Friday morning, with the heaviest precipitation occurring Friday afternoon through Saturday. The National Weather Service has issued a blizzard watch for central and southern Maryland, which includes Carroll County; and a winter storm watch for western Maryland beginning Friday at noon and going through Saturday evening. In addition to potential blizzard conditions with gusty winds and low visibility, the National Weather Service has indicated that minor to moderate coastal flooding could occur.

Carroll County residents should make preparations now and are urged to stay off the roads during the height of the storm.

“Emergency Management is working closely with the State and National Weather Service to stay apprised of the situation,” said Scott Campbell, Director, Department of Public Safety.

In addition to staying off the roads and monitoring the weather and power outages, residents should take the following actions:

- Keep devices charged so you will have a way to follow weather forecasts and local emergency information and be able to contact family and friends.
- Be cautious shoveling snow or ice to avoid overexertion. Take frequent breaks and keep hydrated. If snow is accumulating on your rooftop, consider removing snow if it is safe to do so.
- If you must travel, make sure to have car chargers, kitty litter or sand for traction, and extra drinks and snacks in case you get stuck in traffic. Let friends or family know of your travel route and expected arrival time.
- Check on friends, neighbors, and relatives, especially the elderly or vulnerable residents who may have trouble staying warm or maneuvering on icy surfaces.
- Know who to contact in the case of a power outage.

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