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Town of Belville Declares State of Emergency

Residents Encouraged to Prepare for Impending Winter Storm

BELVILLE, N.C. - Friday, January 30, 2026 - The National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for Brunswick County, which includes the Town of Belville, and will remain in effect until noon on February 1st. Impacts of precipitation are expected to begin in our area Saturday morning and an expected accumulation of snow combined with freezing temperatures will likely create dangerous road conditions.

Mayor Charles Bost and the Belville Board of Commissioners declared a State of Emergency as of 5pm today and requests that all residents and property owners make preparations for possible power outages.

"While the duration of this storm may be short, the impacts could be significant, so I encourage all residents to take precautions now," said Mayor Chuck Bost. "A combination of freezing temperatures and precipitation will create dangerous road conditions, so please plan to stay off the roads until they are safe to drive on."

Winter storms and cold temperatures can be hazardous, so residents are encouraged to review their emergency plan and be prepared for winter weather. Here are a few tips to help you prepare:

- Have an emergency kit in case it's needed that can last at least a week. It should include flashlights, batteries, bottled water, non-perishable foods, medicines, warm clothes, blankets, and a portable, battery-operated radio, TV or weather radio.
- Avoid travel, however if you do, check drivenc.gov for real-time road closures and travel conditions.
- Keep cell phones, mobile devices and spare batteries charged in case your power goes out.



- Don't park cars under trees, as branches can easily break under the weight of ice.
- Bring pets and animals inside, out of freezing weather, and make sure you have enough pet food and supplies for several days.
- Avoid traveling during and after the storm until roadways have warmed and are clear of ice. Ice will make roads extremely dangerous, and motorists can cause additional strain on emergency responders.
- If going outside, dress warmly in multiple layers of thin clothing instead of a single layer of thick clothing.
- Never use a gas grill or burn charcoal indoors, and do not use unsafe heating devices indoors to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- If using a generator due to a power outage, be sure to follow all proper safety procedures. Only operate a generator outdoors, and never in a garage or inside a building.
- If you feel your home is unsafe from the impacts of ice or snow and you are concerned about the potential loss of power and special needs you may have, you are encouraged to seek out shelter with a family member or friend.
- Brunswick County has partnered with several community organizations to provide warming shelters, they are: Brunswick Christian Recovery Center (men, women and families accepted), contact 910.287.4357 for more information. Brunswick Partnership for Housing (accepting families with children, elderly, and those with health issues who cannot reside in a congregate setting), contact 910.946.1499 for more information.

The Belville Riverwalk will close if weather conditions prevent the public from safely using the park.

Belville ABC Stores will be closed on Saturday, January 31th.

Stay tuned to local radio, television and Town of Belville social media platforms for additional information.

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About the Town of Belville

Located along the Brunswick River, the Town of Belville is dedicated to fostering a strong, connected community through events, partnerships, and programs that enhance the quality of life of all residents.



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