



NEWS RELEASE



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Carteret County Government offices closed due to winter weather

Carteret County, NC – Due to the threat of winter weather tomorrow, Carteret County Government offices will be closed Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 and Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022. This includes all branches of the Carteret County Public Library System and the Leon Mann Jr. Senior Enrichment Center. Carteret County Area Transportation (CCATS) will also suspend services for Friday and Saturday. Carteret County Solid Waste Convenience Sites will be closed Friday.

An ice storm warning is in effect for Carteret County through Saturday as ice and snow is expected to overspread the region. Based on the latest briefing from the National Weather Service, most parts of Carteret County have the potential to receive .10" to .50" of ice. These amounts, if realized, could down trees and power lines, which in turn would cause power outages. Travel may become extremely hazardous to nearly impossible.

Carteret County urges residents and business owners to take precaution and prepare for inclement winter weather beginning Thursday night and into Saturday morning. With this type of weather, being prepared to shelter in place is critical. Carteret County Government is asking residents to do the following in preparation:

- Store enough food and water for you and your family for 72 hours without power. Don't forget your pets.
- Have batteries and flashlights and a first-aid kit ready.
- Have cash available, ATMs & Card Readers will not be accessible with any power outage.
- Have blankets and warm clothes ready.
- If you rely on an oxygen device, contact your medical professional about restocking your supply.
- Check generators to ensure they are operating functionally and have the proper fuel.

In preparation for wintry mix, Carteret County has met with public safety, NCDOT, and other local agencies to discuss and review winter weather plans as well as make sure all County public safety vehicles, equipment, and personnel are equipped and prepared for the weekend's storm.

Carteret County Emergency Services is working with County Administration and the Board of Commissioners to keep everyone in our area as safe as possible. In order to do this, Emergency Services is asking residents to shelter in place as soon as the adverse weather begins. Forecast conditions are not favorable for safe travel until Sunday. We urge residents to stay off the roads, not travel, and only call 911 for a true emergency. Emergency crews will be staged and ready to help those in emergency situations. If you have special needs that require power, please ensure you have a personal backup plan. At this time, County officials do not anticipate opening shelters.

Please stay tuned to the County's website, social media channels, and local media for any pertinent updates, which will be issued as warranted. To follow the Carteret County Emergency Services Facebook page, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/CCES7>. For the latest weather updates, visit <https://www.weather.gov/mhx/>.

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