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Preparations Underway for Sleet and Freezing Rain

A Winter Storm Warning has been issued for Shelby County as sleet and freezing rain will move into the area after midnight.

“We’re monitoring the weather and will be staying in close touch with law enforcement officers about road conditions. They’ll especially be checking bridges and overpasses for icing,” said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

The National Weather Service says Shelby County could get one to three inches of sleet followed by periods of freezing rain early tomorrow morning. **“Our salt and sand trucks crews are ready. Brine solution has already been put on the roads in preparation for the ice,”** said Tom Needham, Director of Shelby County Public Works.

Emergency services coordinators have reviewed their responsibilities and are prepared. **“Director Dale Lane and his staff at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness are in constant contact with the National Weather Service and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency,”** said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Temperatures will hover at the freezing mark tomorrow with the low dropping into the lower teens tomorrow night.

“Citizens need to keep a close watch on relatives and friends, especially those who are elderly, disabled or live alone. Pets should also be sheltered,” added Director Lane.

For vehicles, check the antifreeze level, windshield wipers and have a full tank of gas. Here are some other winter weather safety tips:

- Avoid being outside if possible
- Dress warmly and wear layers of clothes
- Keep water lines dripping, insulate outside water faucets
- Have plenty of blankets should power go out
- If using a generator, make sure you vent the exhaust outdoors
- Never use charcoal indoors, vapors are deadly

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