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Snow Emergency Plan Lifted in St. Mary's County

LEONARDTOWN, MD – The Maryland State Police Leonardtown Barrack has [announced](#) that the Snow Emergency Plan for St. Mary's County has been lifted as of 12:30 p.m. today, January 26, 2026. Accordingly, St. Mary's County Government has deactivated the local Snow Emergency Routes.

Residents may resume normal travel; however, drivers are urged to use caution as some roadways may still have areas of snow and ice. Motorists are encouraged to reduce speeds, allow additional stopping distance, and remain alert for remaining hazardous conditions and snow removal operations.

Ongoing Snow Response

The Department of Public Works & Transportation will continue snow response and recovery operations across the county. Residents are encouraged to report non-emergency concerns, including downed trees or storm-related damage, through the County's 311 service at www.stmaryscountymd.gov/SM311 so crews can respond as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Sidewalk Snow & Ice Removal

Clear sidewalks are an important safety priority after a winter storm. The St. Mary's County [Sidewalk Snow Removal Ordinance](#) requires **property owners** whose property borders a public sidewalk to clear snow and ice within 72 hours after a storm ends, or within 72 hours after snow or ice is deposited by a plow or vehicle. If snow or ice cannot be fully removed, owners must treat the sidewalk with sand, salt, or other de-icing materials to make it safe and passable. For everyone's safety, residents and businesses are also reminded not to shovel snow or ice from sidewalks into roadways.

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