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**CITY OF NEWPORT PREEMPTIVELY TREATING STREETS
IN THE EVENT OF SNOW**

The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning for areas, including Newport, from 2:00 P.M. today until 10:00 P.M. on Thursday. The potential for icy roadways exists during this time period.

The city's Public Works staff will begin preemptively sanding streets anticipating the possibility of inclement weather. The first streets to be sanded will include those used most frequently by emergency vehicles. These streets will be followed by roadways with hills. City Manager Jim Voetberg stated that "the primary goal is the continued safety of our residents and visitors." He added that "staff will continue to monitor the weather and make appropriate decisions throughout the day as new information becomes available."

Despite the precautions being taken by the city, roads may still become slick making travel treacherous. Please use extreme caution while traveling during inclement weather. Weather forecasts are available at www.weather.gov.

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