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Henderson County Declares State of Emergency and Announces Opening of an Emergency Shelter

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Henderson County Board of Commissioners Chairman William G. Lapsley has declared a State of Emergency for Henderson County effective 8:00 a.m., Saturday, January 24, 2026, based on the predicted effects of a winter storm approaching the County over the weekend of January 24-25, 2026.

The State of Emergency will continue until emergency service officials advise otherwise.

The State of Emergency is also proclaimed at the request of the Mayors of the Town of Fletcher, Town of Laurel Park, Village of Flat Rock, and Town of Mills River.

If you need emergency information, log onto www.hendersoncountync.gov and click on Henderson County Emergency Updates at the top of the page.

If you have an actual emergency dial 9-1-1.

Henderson County will be opening an Emergency Shelter at our Athletics and Activities Center located at 708 South Grove Street, Hendersonville, NC.

The shelter will open at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2026, and will remain open until it is safe for residents to return home.

If you plan to go to the shelter, please bring essential items if you are able:

- Medications (and medical devices you rely on)
- Toiletries and personal hygiene items
- Warm clothing and sturdy shoes
- Cell phone and charger
- Important personal items (glasses, hearing aids, etc.)

If you have pets, don't forget to bring pet food, medications, and a leash or carrier.

Emergency shelters are safe places, but they may be crowded and resources can be limited. Bringing these essentials helps ensure your comfort and continuity of care.

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