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Good Afternoon River Hills,

As with most of our winter weather systems, we are in the questionable area...it could miss us, barely hit us or whollup us. Your maintenance and security teams have been working together to ensure they are ready for the upcoming weather event. You can help us in the following ways:

1. Please do not put any limbs, leaves or debris at the curbside
2. Do not park on the roadway or roadsides...the trucks loaded down with sand, spreader and plows require extra room to maneuver and will not stop quickly. If the roads are icy, they will slide. Keep your cars safely parked on your property.
3. Remove everything from the curbside, ie: garbage cans, vehicles, curb-it inserts if you are on a straightaway. (The snow plow must plow into the curbing to allow the meltoff and water to drain and not pool, minimizing the refreezing and icy areas.)
4. Please prepare your steps, walkpaths and driveways. The HOA is not able to treat individual homes. If you are an able-bodied neighbor, please check in on those that might need your help. Thank you to those special residents that helped out this last week...you are a blessing!
5. Stay off the roads unless truly necessary. Our crews will be out managing the storms wrath...we want everyone to stay safe.
6. If you can't reach security by the regular numbers and you have an emergency, call the Security Supervisor's cell phone at 803-627-6685. (The generators should keep the gates and

computers running as normal, but the supervisor's cell is a back up.)

7. If we get enough snow and sledding becomes a possibility, the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway off Pine Knoll is the normal spot. PLEASE STAY OFF ALL GREENS! The Club is gracious enough to allow sledding on the fairway (at your own risk), let's not abuse their kindness by damaging anything.

8. And for our newer residents...it is common that our River Hills roads will be cleaned off and accessible but Hwy 49 is not. Please be careful if you are venturing out.

And these updates have just been sent to me from our local agencies...

#### **From Duke Energy yesterday afternoon:**

Good afternoon, all,

By now, you have likely seen the weather forecasts for the weekend predicting a chance of ice, snow, and freezing rain. Duke Energy meteorologists are tracking the storm and updating forecast models, which influence how the company mobilizes its workers and other resources as needed. I wanted to share a few reminders should we see winter weather impacts in South Carolina this weekend.

#### **Weather Update:**

A potential winter storm system could affect the area this weekend, but details remain highly uncertain. Cold high pressure will spread from the Great Lakes to the Northeast on Friday and then build

down the eastern seaboard into the Carolinas for the weekend. Meanwhile, an active storm track sets up from the Gulf Coast to the southeastern US coastline. Models are in good agreement that the cold air will be in place ahead of the storm system, unlike recent events which lacked the cold air needed for wintry precipitation. However, storm track is still highly uncertain, making a forecast of the transition zone from snow to sleet/ice extremely difficult this far out.

Please remember, the National Weather Service is your official provider of weather information.



## Potential Weekend Winter Storm

For South Carolina and Eastern GA - January 24 & 25th

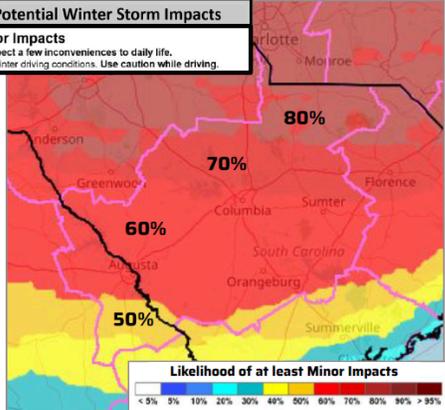
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**OVERVIEW**

- Confidence continues to increase in a potentially significant winter storm this weekend.

**Potential Winter Storm Impacts**

**Minor Impacts**  
Expect a few inconveniences to daily life.  
• Winter driving conditions. Use caution while driving.



<b>TIMING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impacts possible as early as Saturday morning and lasting through Sunday but exact timing details are still uncertain.</li> </ul>
<b>HAZARDS &amp; IMPACTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A mix of all winter hazards is possible across the area with snow-sleet-freezing rain potential.</li> <li>• Accumulations &amp; impacts are not certain yet but potential is increasing for impactful snow-sleet-freezing rain.</li> <li>• <i>While a range of impacts remain possible, this is a high ceiling event compared to our typical winter systems.</i></li> <li>• Very cold temperatures behind the weekend system may extend the impact of any wintry precip.</li> </ul>
<b>FORECAST CHALLENGES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The system is still several days away, so the forecast is expected to evolve.</li> <li>• However, forecast model consensus and the nature of this meteorological setup are giving higher than usual confidence in potential impacts.</li> </ul>



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### Winter storm safety reminders

We encourage customers to prepare for a potential outage during the anticipated cold weather and would love for you to share in the communities you serve and your social media.

Here are important safety reminders:

- Ensure mobile phones remain charged and you have an adequate supply of flashlights, batteries, bottled water, nonperishable foods, and medicines.
- If you use a generator, follow the manufacturer's instructions to ensure safe and proper operation. Operate your generator outside, and never in a building or garage.
- Do not use grills or other outdoor appliances indoors for space heating or cooking, as these devices may emit carbon monoxide.
- Stay away from power lines that have fallen or are sagging. Consider all lines energized as well as trees or limbs in contact with lines. Report any downed power lines to Duke Energy or local emergency services.
- Make alternate shelter arrangements, as needed, if you are significantly affected by a loss of power – especially families who have special medical needs or elderly members.
- If a power line falls across a car that you are in, stay in the car. If you MUST get out of the car due to a fire or other immediate life-threatening situation, jump clear of the car and land on both feet. Be sure that no part of your body is touching the car when your feet touch the ground.

- Ice and snow can cause hazardous driving conditions. If you do have to travel and see utility or emergency crews working along the road, remember to move over or slow down.

More tips on what to do before, during and after a storm can be found at [duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety](https://duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety).



**PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE**  
A basic emergency supply kit should include the following items:

Flashlights	Cash	Batteries	First Aid Kit
Weather Radio	Non-Perishable Food	Water	Portable Chargers

Get updates on your outage at [duke-energy.com](https://duke-energy.com) or text **OUT** to **57801** (standard text and data charges may apply)

## Outage reporting

Though this messaging may be a little early, I wanted to make sure you have our outage reporting information easily accessible.

After a storm hits, restoring power as safely and quickly as possible is our top priority, while keeping our customers informed. Customers who experience an outage during a storm can report it the following ways:

- Text OUT to 57801 (standard text and data charges may apply).
- Use the Duke Energy mobile app. Download the Duke Energy app from a smartphone via Apple Store or Google Play.
- Visit [duke-energy.com/outages](https://duke-energy.com/outages) on a desktop computer or mobile device.
- Call the automated outage reporting system at 800.POWERON (800.769.3766).
- Visit our interactive [outage map](#) to find up-to-date information on power outages, including the total number of outages systemwide and estimated times of restoration.

I hope you all stay safe and warm as we prepare for the temperatures to drop this weekend.



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