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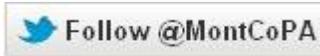
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Important Storm Information

Norristown, PA (January 22, 2016) – On Friday morning the Montgomery County Commissioners authorized a “Declaration of Disaster Emergency.” The following is important information concerning the impending storm:

- A Blizzard Warning is in effect for Eastern Montgomery County from 7:00pm today to 10:00am on Sunday, January 24, 2016. A Winter Storm Warning is in effect for Western Montgomery County for the same time frame. The forecast is for 12-18 inches of snow with heavy winds.
- A Code Blue is in effect from 9:00am Thursday, January 21, 2016 through 9:00am Monday, January 25, 2016.
- The Watchdesk at the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center will be staffed from 7:00pm Friday on 12-hour shifts until at least 7:00am Sunday. The 911 Center will be adequately staffed for the anticipated call volume.
- The county will work continually with PECO and municipal public works departments to prioritize road re-openings if there are power outages due to downed trees and falling limbs.
- The Department of Public Safety will be providing updates via social media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MontgomeryCountyPApublicsafety/>

Twitter: [@MCpublicsafety](https://twitter.com/MCpublicsafety)

- Sign up at <http://readymontco.org/> to receive alerts via email and texts directly to your cell phone.
- Stay off the roads Saturday. They will be extremely treacherous. Blizzard conditions will create very low visibility.
- Avoid any downed power lines. They could be live.
- If your power goes out, call your utility company. Do not call 911 for power outages. (Phone numbers are on social media and will be repeated).
- Never run a generator inside your house or garage.
- Call 911 if you need police, fire, or EMS.