



## TOWN OF VERNON

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### **Mayor McCoy Statement Urging Residents to Clear Snow from Rooftops**

**Vernon, Conn.**, -- Mayor Jason L. McCoy today released the following statement urging residents to clear accumulated snow off of rooftops and other structures:

*"In anticipation of tomorrow and Thursday's snow and ice storm, I am urging residents to clear accumulated snow from unstable structures and low-pitched roofs. Left un-cleared, the extra snow and ice from the anticipated winter storm has the potential to triple or quadruple the weight of the existing snow, creating structural and safety hazards. I urge residents to use caution when clearing their roofs and if possible, a roof rake or other device should be used. Residents should avoid climbing onto the roof and should seek professional help if necessary. Residents should also take the time to remove snow from mailboxes and fire hydrants."*

*"We are working hard to ensure that public safety is upheld and that no injuries occur as a result of the extreme weather and unwanted snow accumulation. Since early this morning, town crews have been clearing snow from public buildings and schools with flat and low-sloped roofs. Residents should keep in mind that snow accumulated in excess of three feet is dangerous and should be cleared off as soon as possible."*

*"I am also asking that residents remain cognizant of town ordinances and clear off sidewalks and other walk ways so that our children can safely walk to school and other pedestrians can have a safe walking path off of the street. As always, in preparation for the anticipated winter storm, town crews will be pre-treating the roads and taking other preparations. In the event of an emergency, residents should contact the Vernon Police Department."*