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Subject: Preparations for Weekend Winter Storm

Dear Faculty,

Please be aware of the winter storm watch this weekend, which is likely to cause power outages and tree damage. Any ice and snow accumulation will likely hinder travel and the ability of maintenance crews to repair damage quickly.

We recommend that those of you with research programs dependent on an active campus power grid take precautions to safeguard your work in the event of an extended outage, as the Facilities Management Division (FMD) and external utility crews may be hampered by icy roads. These precautions should account for the likelihood that you may also be unable to reach campus for the same reason.

The Office of Research will house essential personnel on campus over the weekend, including animal care technicians. We encourage you to connect with your department or college, which may also have essential personnel on site for facility-based emergencies.

As a reminder, any announcements regarding UGA's response, including schedule changes, cancellations, and campus closures, will be made through official UGA channels, including ArchNews, emergency.uga.edu, and UGA's X ([@universityofga](https://twitter.com/@universityofga)).

For off-hours emergencies, UGA's general contact is the UGA Police Department (706-542-2200), which will coordinate the response with FMD. UGA PD and/or FMD may contact the Office of Research facilities team for specific guidance. You can also reach out via email to Eric Ferreira, interim Associate Vice President for research facilities and infrastructure, at emferr@uga.edu.

Let's hope the storm's impact will not be as dire as the worst predictions. Be safe, stay warm, and we will work with our UGA campus partners to provide additional communications as circumstances develop.

Best regards,

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