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Bexar County Prepares for Winter Weather

With temperatures expected to plummet tomorrow, Bexar County is taking precautions to minimize any potential impacts to the community, county facilities and offices. Although the expected winter weather is very mild in comparison to Winter Storm Uri 2021, precautionary measures are in place should the weather turn for the worse. At this time, all county offices, services and functions will continue as usual. Any changes will be posted online at www.bexar.org, on social media, and shared with local media. County employees may call the county's weather line at 210-335-2258 for any changes.

Below is a summary of actions and updates to date:

Courts and the Judicial System:

Presiding dockets will continue as scheduled on Thursday (December 22, 2022) and Friday (December 23, 2022). Individuals scheduled to appear for court or jury duty are to report as scheduled. All appearances, hearings, and trials will continue as scheduled.

All County Buildings including Juvenile Detention and Adult Detention Facilities:

The Facilities Department as usual, will be on-call 24/7 for all emergencies that may arise during this time. In order to prevent and/or mitigate any issues that may arise with the expected weather, the following has been done in every Bexar County building including:

- Boiler checks, exercises and repairs.
- Emergency generator checks, exercises and refueling.
- In the case of low water supply pressure, strategic plan for water regulation and distribution.
- Fireline back flows checked to make sure they are insulated correctly and that no water is present in the vaults that may freeze and crack piping.
- Checking all entry walkways, steps and ramps – prepared to treat with de-icing agent if needed.
- Monitoring all county parking garages for animals or people seeking shelter.
- Checking that all county generators are fully fueled and that block heaters are working.

Public Works:

As strong winds are forecast, all County Public Works Service Centers are equipped with chainsaws and pole saws to remove downed trees and tree limbs. Chipper trucks will be standing by to dispose of all trees and tree limbs. Heavier equipment such as loaders/backhoes is available to remove big tree trunks from the roadway if necessary.

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Should low lying roadways freeze, the Bexar County Public Works Department has **8 total tandem trucks** equipped and loaded with spreader boxes.

In addition, **two trucks are ready and loaded with de-icing agent.**

The department currently has **140 tons of chat rock** (used for roadways) and **300 tons of fine grade stone or FS rock** (used for residential areas) in stock.

There are **two additional trailers loaded with barricades** ready to deploy.

There are **112 Bexar County Public Works employees on standby** for the freeze event.

Fire Marshal's Office:

Bexar County Fire Marshal's Office has inspected care facilities in unincorporated Bexar County by checking on proper installation and functionality of backup generators, including and up to full switch over to backup power for the facility. Fire Marshal deputies reported 100% readiness of all inspected generators.

Warming Centers

The city and county will open seven warming centers to offer short-term emergency shelter starting this Thursday, December 22, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Anyone coming to one of the centers should bring clothes, supplies and medicine. The centers are accessible and inclusive.

1. Normoyle Community Center 700 Culberson Ave, 78225
2. South Side Lions Senior Center 3303 Pecan Valley Drive, 78210
3. Garza Community Center 1450 Mira Vista, 78228
4. Christ the King Lutheran Church – 1129 Pat Booker Road, Universal City, 78148
5. Emergency Services District 3 – 23103 Bulverde Road, San Antonio, 78259
6. Emergency Services District 5 – 7120 E. 6th Street, Somerset, 78069
7. Emergency Services District 7 – 11617 Galm Road, San Antonio, 78254

Pets and Service Animals

Kennels will be available in a separate area for pets at Normoyle, South Side Lions and Garza centers. Emergency Services Districts 3, 5, and 7 will only accept service animals.

A map of the warning center locations is available at <https://batchgeo.com/map/warmingcenterssanantonio>

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