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Bexar County Winter Weather A.M. Update
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Today, Wednesday, February 1, 2023, all Bexar County offices and courts are closed for a second day due to the continuation of inclement weather. Bexar County Emergency Management personnel have been activated and at the Emergency Operations Center since January 31, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. and will continue to coordinate all county efforts throughout this weather event.

Bexar County's Public Works and Emergency Management staff continue to monitor the ongoing weather situation and respond to areas where surface treatment, road closures, or clean up may be needed.

This morning, County Judge Peter Sakai said, "Icy conditions and power outages are occurring particularly to the north of us in unincorporated Bexar County and in those suburban cities such as Timberwood Park and Leon Valley. Our Office of Emergency staff is working with them to identify and provide any assistance they may need. CPS Energy is working to get power restored as quickly as possible. I'm asking all residents to do their part and to stay off the roadways if possible. If you are in need of assistance, wherever you may reside, please call 311.

"The decision to close Bexar County was made to allow families to care for their children, most of whom are home from school again today. I am also concerned about senior citizens and encourage them to reach out for assistance as needed."

Updates to County offices and services are as follow:

Bexar County Public Works

Bexar County Public Works has implemented a 24- hour rotation of crews and staff until further notice. Using chainsaws, pole saws, loaders/backhoes, and chipper trucks crews assisted with tree and debris removal at four different locations this morning.

As of this morning, 6 tons of chat rock have been distributed and more than 1,100 gallons of natural de-icing agent have been dispersed across unincorporated Bexar County.

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Bexar County Public Works department is utilizing GEOMELT S8, a natural product highly effective for preventing roadway icing, as well as treating iced-over areas. The product can better withstand extreme cold. The environmentally friendly mixture contains 20% de-sugared beet juice derivative.

It provides an effective adhesive for chat rock and salt, resulting in less salt and chat rock usage, which in combination makes for a less negative impact to storm water systems. In addition to yesterday's deployment, seven more bridges were treated since the early morning hours.

Crews coordinated with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office and pre-positioned barricades at 11 locations in unincorporated Bexar County.

Due to precipitation moving through the area, low-water crossings have been closed due to flooding. For the most current, up-to-date road closure information related to flooding, please use <https://www.bexarflood.org>.

Bexar County Parks

County Parks are closed today. They will open back up tomorrow, Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 9:00 AM. Raymond Russell and Bullis County Parks will open at 10:00 AM on Thursday.

Bexar County Courts & Jury Service

Residents affected by the closure of all Bexar County courts are asked to call their respective courtroom once Bexar County offices reopen to discuss rescheduling as necessary.

Please contact the Jury Services department when Bexar County offices reopen to discuss your schedule. Their contact information may be found on their webpages at www.bexar.org

Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector

The Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector announced that the property tax payment deadline has been extended until Thursday, February 2, 2023. Residents can still make payments online at www.bexar.org/tax, by phone at 1-888-852-3572, drop off their payment in the drop boxes at any of the Tax Collector-Assessors' four office locations, or once offices reopen.

We ask all residents to monitor local weather forecasts and reports. Freezing rain can be extremely dangerous and make outdoor activity treacherous. We urge all residents to avoid driving in impacted areas if possible. Use extreme caution if you must be on the road in these conditions.

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