

Cold Weather Alert

for late December 2017 and early January 2018

The National Weather Service (NWS) has forecasted that we will have unusually cold temperatures in the next few days. Chances of freezing-type precipitation (sleet or snow) is slight. City Staff, the Mayor and City Council are in regular contact during inclement weather, so should these predictions change, please check the City website for updates. Today is a little warmer (49 degrees), therefore, please take the opportunity to get ready for colder weather over the New Year's Holiday and into the first part of next week.

Below are a few tips for everyone.

Tips for Home

- Keep space heater safety in mind: Use electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switches and non-glowing elements. Remember to keep all heat sources at least three feet away from furniture and drapes.
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them.
- Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector.



Protect Yourself

- Make sure you have sufficient supply of prescription drugs and other medicine to last at least five days.
- Be aware of the wind chill. If you must go outside,
 - Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.
 - Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves.
 - Wear a hat and cover your mouth with a scarf to reduce heat loss.
- Drink plenty of warm fluids or warm water but avoid caffeine and alcohol. Stay active to maintain body heat.



Don't Forget About Your Pets

- Bring [pets](#) inside (and ask a trusted neighbor to check on your animals in case you're not home).
- Ensure that you have supplies for clean up for your companion animals, particularly if they are used to eliminating outdoors (large plastic bags, paper towels, and extra cat litter).



Traveling By Vehicle

Keep an [extra emergency kit specifically created for your car](#). In addition to the basic essentials, consider adding a portable cell phone charger, ice scraper, extra blanket and jumper cables.