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Fort Bend County Officials Encourage Residents to Prepare for Winter Freeze

(FORT BEND, TX) – With the arctic freeze and strong winds expected to sweep across Texas Thursday, Fort Bend County Judge KP George, along with the Fort Bend County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (FBCOEM), and County officials, today urged residents to prepare for severe winter weather as temperatures are expected to drop into the single digits.

“The most important thing is for our citizens to get prepared in advance of the freezing temperatures,” said Fort Bend County Judge KP George. “Of course, we are emphasizing for our citizens to prepare because we want them to be safe. They are our number one priority.”

FBCOEM urged residents to utilize social media and the department’s website as a source of information for severe weather-related resources, asking residents to access the Office’s Facebook page at [@fbcoem](https://www.facebook.com/fbcoem) or website at <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/homeland-security-emergency-management>.

Judge George also encouraged residents to contact the Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office for non-emergencies at 281-341-4665 and TTY For the Hearing/Speech Impaired: at 281-342-0837.

At this time Fort Bend County has one warming center that will be open beginning on Thursday, December 22 through Friday, December 23, with community partner Attack Poverty Friends of Rosenberg, located at 1908 Avenue E., in Rosenberg, TX 77471. The center will be open from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m., with a maximum capacity of 40. ***updates will be provided on any additional warming center locations**

Fort Bend County Health and Human Services advised residents to fill prescriptions early and plan to stay at care facilities if they rely on powered medical equipment such as dialysis. Health and Human Services encouraged those who depend on powered medical equipment to register with Enable Fort Bend, to ensure that they are aware of how to access support systems if needed. Residents can register for functional needs and disability assistance by going to www.fortbendenable.com or by calling 281-633-7795.

Individuals or families experiencing homelessness and in need of critical emergency assistance can contact Fort Bend County Social Services at 281-238-3502. Social Service is prepared to help with shelter assistance during this cold weather event.

Residents are encouraged to:

- Stay informed by signing up for emergency alerts at <http://bit.ly/3FD5kmJ>.
- Follow @FBCOEM on Facebook and Twitter.
- Make a Plan: Before an emergency sit down with your family to plan out what you may need to shelter at home or what you need if you have to evacuate.

- **Build a Kit:** Once you know your plan and have your supply list, build a kit of needed emergency supplies in a go-bag so it can be used quickly. Include items like medication and pet supplies.
- **Know your Neighbors:** In an emergency, your neighbors are the closest resource and can often be of the greatest assistance faster.

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