

Waukesha County: Cold weather resources for Waukesha County residents

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(Waukesha, WI) – Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow is reminding residents of the resources available during the Wind Chill Advisory in effect tonight through tomorrow morning.

“Tonight’s bitterly cold weather will be the coldest of the season,” said Farrow. “We want to make certain that residents are able to connect with the services they need to stay safe.”

Call 211 For Non-Emergency Resources

Those in need of resources, like a place to stay warm, are reminded to call 211 to be connected with community services. Residents should only call 911 if they are experiencing an **emergency** situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property, or environment.

- Call **911** for symptoms related to hypothermia: shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, drowsiness, and bright red or cold skin.
- Call **Waukesha County Communications’ (WCC) Non-Emergency** line with non-emergency Police or Fire requests at 262-446-5070.
- Power outages that do not result in an emergency should be reported to WE Energies at 1-800-662-4797. Power outages that result in issues with medical equipment or produce smoking, arcing, or downed wires should be reported to 911.

Wellness Checks

Populations that are more vulnerable to cold weather health risks include elderly people with inadequate food, clothing or heating; babies sleeping in cold bedrooms; and people who remain outdoors for long periods of time.

- Waukesha County's Department of Health and Human Services is helping these populations by increasing wellness checks of current clients.
- Residents can help these populations by checking in on elderly neighbors and monitoring the rooms where infants sleep or spend long periods of time.

About Waukesha County

More information about cold weather resources available to Waukesha County residents is available online at <http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/coldweather/>.