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For Immediate Release:

Dayton Fire Department advises residents ahead of cold temperatures – 1/11/2024

(Dayton, Ohio)

The City of Dayton and the Dayton Fire Department are encouraging residents to remain cautious and prepared during the cold conditions that the region will experience in the coming days. Current forecasting indicates wind gusts as high as 50 mph on Friday evening and wind chill values below zero over the weekend and into the middle of next week.

Dayton utilizes its three recreation centers as “warming centers” for residents. For this pending round of winter weather, these three facilities are currently scheduled to be open:

Friday (1/12) – 6:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday (1/13) – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday through Friday (1/16 – 1/19) – 6:00 am – 9:00 pm

The City of Dayton Recreation Center (warming center) locations are as follows:

Greater Dayton Recreation Center – 2021 W. Third St.
Lohrey Recreation Center – 2366 Glenarm Ave.
Northwest Recreation Center – 1600 Princeton Dr.

For shelter needs beyond the hours available at the City’s designated warming centers, residents in need can proceed to the following St. Vincent DePaul shelter facilities at any time:

Women and Families – 120 W. Apple St.
Men – 1921 S. Gettysburg Ave.

Residents are also encouraged to check on their neighbors for any assistance they may need and to remember the shelter needs of pets.

Up-to-date information on current weather conditions and any winter-related weather warnings can be found at the National Weather Service's Wilmington, OH office website: <https://www.weather.gov/iln/>.

Fire safety information can be found on the Dayton Fire Department website at any time: <https://www.daytonohio.gov/693/Fire-Life-Safety-Resources>

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What To Expect The Next Several Days Graphic Issued: 1/11/2024 3:49 AM

Highest Wind Gusts Friday Night (mph)

City	Wind Gust Range (mph)
Kenton	50-55
Celina	50-55
Sidney	50-55
Marysville	50-55
Richmond	50-55
Dayton	45-50
Columbus	45-50
Newark	45-50
Brookville	45-50
Wilmington	45-50
Chillicothe	45-50
Osgood	45-50
Cincinnati	45-50
Peoples	40-45
Carrollton	40-45
Butler	40-45
Paris	40-45
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- Friday:** up to an inch of rain, with greater amounts near and west of Interstate 75.
- Friday night / Saturday morning:** strong wind gusts of 45-55 MPH expected. This may cause tree damage and scattered power outages. Temperatures will quickly fall below freezing.
- Sunday through Wednesday:** cold weather expected.
 - High temperatures below freezing.
 - Low temperatures in the teens to single digits.
 - Wind Chill values below zero.

Active weather is expected for the next several days. There will be some rain on Friday, followed by windy conditions and quickly falling temperatures. Winds will gust to 45-55 MPH Friday night and Saturday morning. Cold temperatures and wind chills below zero are then expected through next Wednesday.



WINTER STORM SAFETY TIPS

Create a support network for help during an extended power outage

Assemble an emergency preparedness kit with items such as water, non-perishable food, a flashlight, battery-powered radio, first-aid kit, extra batteries, cell phones with chargers, personal hygiene items, emergency contact information, pet supplies, and blankets

Plan for your personal medical needs, such as refrigerated medications, oxygen devices, etc.

Never use candles for emergency lighting

Never use an oven or stovetop to heat your home

Keep snow and ice 5 feet away from fire hydrants near your home

Clear outside furnace, stove, fireplace and gas dryer vents of snow and other debris to prevent carbon monoxide

Don't fuel your generator while it's running

Don't use a generator in a wet area; this can cause shock or electrocution

Generators should always be used outside the home and at least 20 feet away from any windows or other openings

Connect appliances to generators with grounded, heavy-duty extension cords to prevent electrical fires

Make sure you have a carbon monoxide alarm when using space heaters or fireplaces

Keep at least 3 feet distance around space heaters at all times

Make sure space heaters have an automatic shut off in case it tips over

Keep away from any downed power lines

Install smoke alarms with battery back-ups on every floor, inside and outside all sleeping areas, and make sure they are tested monthly

Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home (at least one on each level)

City of Dayton winter weather response information: <https://www.daytonohio.gov/394/Winter-Weather-Response> (click the link, or scan the below QR code with your cell phone camera)

