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## CenterPoint Energy is actively monitoring cold weather conditions and preparing for wintry precipitation across Texas

With winter precipitation and freezing temperatures forecasted over the weekend and into next week, CenterPoint Energy has opened its Emergency Operations Center and is actively monitoring the weather models and preparing for cold and potentially icy conditions. Crews are performing equipment checks, deploying cold weather mitigations, coordinating with local officials and emergency responders and positioning resources, so we're ready to respond if conditions impact service.

As temperatures drop, safety remains our top priority. Severe winter weather can cause outages, so **we encourage you to take steps now to stay safe and prepared.**

### Remember the 4 P's: People, pets, pipes and plants

#### PEOPLE

- Make a plan to stay warm and safe during freezing temperatures
- Use space heaters safely — keep them at least three feet away from children, pets and flammable items and never use ovens or stoves for heating
- Only use generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas to avoid carbon monoxide exposure

#### PETS

- Bring pets indoors and ensure they have a warm, safe place to stay

#### PIPES

- Insulate exposed pipes and let faucets drip to help prevent freezing
- Know how to shut off your water in case a pipe bursts
- Important safety reminders
- Always assume downed power lines are energized and stay at least 35 feet away and

report them immediately

- If you smell natural gas (a strong odor similar to rotten eggs), leave the area immediately on foot and call CenterPoint Energy and 911 once you are safely away

## **PLANTS**

- Cover or bring in plants to protect them from freezing temperatures

## **Stay informed and prepared**

- Create or inventory your [emergency winter supply kit](#) and review [DIY tips](#) to help weatherize your home and prevent warmth from escaping
- Our new [Action Center](#) offers resources for severe weather preparedness, safety tips, outage updates and restoration information
- Stay up to date on outages with our [Outage Tracker](#)
- Enroll in [Power Alert Service®](#) for individual outage updates
- Visit the [National Weather Service](#) to monitor weather forecasts
- Review our [Winter Energy Guide](#)
- Follow us on X at [CenterPoint TX](#) for general updates

**We encourage you to have a plan in place and prepare to stay safe and warm through the low temperatures.**