



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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To: Media Outlets
From: Shane Bowles, Public Works Director
Re: Winter Weather Precautions

With two days of below-freezing temperatures forecast, the City of Big Spring Public Works Department encourages homeowners to take the following precautions to protect their property and ensure personal safety:

Protect Your Home & Water Lines

- Cover exposed outdoor faucets with insulated covers or towels secured with plastic.
- Disconnect and drain garden hoses.
- Insulate exposed pipes, especially in garages, crawl spaces, and exterior walls.
- Open cabinet doors under sinks to allow warm air to circulate.
- Allow faucets to drip slowly during the coldest hours.
- Maintain consistent indoor heat day and night.
- Locate your main water shutoff valve and ensure it is accessible in case of an emergency.

Road & Power Safety

- Use caution when traveling, as bridges, overpasses, and shaded areas may become icy.
- Reduce speeds and increase following distance if driving conditions deteriorate.
- Be prepared for possible power outages by charging electronic devices in advance.
- Have flashlights, batteries, blankets, and extra supplies readily available.
- Check on elderly neighbors and those with medical needs who may be impacted by cold weather or power disruptions.

Public Works appreciates the community's cooperation in preparing in advance. Taking these precautions can help reduce damage, prevent injuries, and keep everyone safe during this period of freezing temperatures.

The Emergency Utilities Department will be available and can be reached by calling 432-264-2392.