



WEATHERING THE WINTER!

Keep Warm and Safe In the Cold

Bitter cold temperatures are more than an inconvenience; they can pose a serious threat to health and safety. CPS wants you to be prepared and informed this winter on how to best handle cold conditions, so we encourage you to follow these important tips:

Protect Yourself and Family:

- Wear several layers of loose, warm clothing and keep your head, hands and feet covered when outdoors.
- Recognize the symptoms of hypothermia: stiff muscles, shivering, puffy or swollen face, cold skin, slow breathing and mental confusion.
- Never use an extension cord with a space heater.
- Ovens should not be used to heat homes.

School Changes Due To Inclement Weather:

In the case of an extreme weather event that impacts school related activities, CPS will send communications via email, robocall, social media and news media notices alerting you to the details of changes and instructions on next steps. Make sure to follow us online for the latest updates:

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WINTER RESOURCES

The City of Chicago has many services available to help residents weather the winter months.

Call 311 to:

- Locate a Warming Center near you.
- Request a well-being check for someone who may be at risk due to extreme cold weather.
- Report inadequate heat in a residential building.
- Learn about programs that assist with home heating costs.
- Connect to shelter and supportive services.
- Report a landlord that has failed to resolve a heating problem.*

**Landlords must heat residential buildings to at least 68 degrees during the day and 66 degrees overnight.*

Winter Parking Restrictions:

Please remember that Chicago's annual winter Overnight Parking Ban is currently in effect. The Overnight Parking Ban impacts approximately 107 miles of Chicago's streets (not school property) and signage is permanently posted along the affected routes. The ban began Sunday, December 1, 2019, will be enforced through Wednesday, April 1, 2020, daily from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m., regardless of snow. Chicagoans can visit www.chicagoshovels.org for a map of streets impacted by the ban and to view the City's snow plows in real-time during a storm. Motorists can also call 311 or visit www.chicago.gov/dss to find out if their vehicle was towed due to the ban.

Gas Bill Assistance:

Peoples Gas customers who are having trouble paying their bills and meet the specific household income guidelines may be eligible for a grant. Through the Share the Warmth program, which is administered for Peoples Gas by the Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA), Share the Warmth provides heating grants to limited and fixed-income households. Eligible customers can receive grants of up to \$200 on their bills. For more information and to apply for the program, call CEDA at 800-571-2332 or use the [CEDA Energy Service Site Locator](#) to find the application site nearest you. Applicants are required to submit proof of household income or any financial assistance for the past 30 days for all members of the household over age 18; and current residential heating bill.



CITY WARMING CENTERS

Keep Warm and Safe this Winter Season

A Warming Center is a heated facility where Chicago residents can go to find refuge from extreme cold weather conditions.

During the winter months, the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) operates six Warming Centers inside of the City's six Community Service Centers during work weekdays when temperatures dip below 32 degrees.

- Additional City facilities including libraries, police stations or other structures might be available after hours, on weekends, or on holidays, as conditions warrant.
- Chicago's seniors can stay warm when they use our 21 Senior Centers during their regular weekday activities.
- The Garfield Center, located at 10 S. Kedzie Avenue, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to connect residents to emergency shelter.

DFSS WARMING CENTERS

9 a.m. - 5p.m. | Monday - Friday

Hours and days of service could be extended under extreme conditions. Other City facilities might be designated as Warming Centers during off days or hours. DFSS Warming Centers are not open on weekday holidays unless specifically indicated. For the most current Warming Center information at any time, call 311.

Englewood Community Service Center
1140 W. 79th St.

Garfield Community Service Center
10 S. Kedzie

King Community Service Center
4314 S. Cottage Grove

North Area Community Service Center
845 W. Wilson Ave.

South Chicago Community Service Center
8650 S. Commercial Ave.

Trina Davila Community Service Center
4312 W. North Ave.