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**City of Copperas Cove – Winter Storm Landon Preparations**

Copperas Cove, Texas – The City of Copperas Cove’s Emergency Management team has been tracking Winter Storm Landon and participating in necessary conference calls with the National Weather Service Fort Worth. City staff has been closely monitoring the severe weather system moving into the Central Texas region this evening, with anticipation of freezing temperatures and a wintery mix of precipitation, causing for potentially dangerous conditions into the weekend. We will provide informational updates of any impacts to City services, however here is our current position:

- Essential City facilities, such as the Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments, will remain operational and ready to serve our citizens; However, non-essential facilities will be closed on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Notice was released earlier this week that Solid Waste collections for Areas 7 & 8, which were regularly scheduled for Thursday, were being collected today. The Area 7 Recycle, Bulk & Brush collections are also delayed until Friday, or early next week, depending on weather condition. Please know our dedicated Solid Waste team will ensure all collections are completed as soon as possible. Specific questions or concerns may be directed to Solid Waste at (254) 547-4242 once they reopen Friday morning at 8am.
- Public Works crews in various departments have been working in preparation of the impending severe weather. Street Dept. crews are on standby with sand/gravel mix to treat major roadway concerns, with a concentration on vulnerable hills and intersections based on traffic concerns. Depending upon how conditions develop, some steep roadways may be closed during the weather event. Motorists are encouraged to exercise extreme caution if they must go around barricades and to not travel unless absolutely necessary. Please understand if the roadways are impassable by citizens, they may also be impassable by City vehicles to spread the aggregate.
- Water, Sewer, and Wastewater Dept. crews are on standby and have taken necessary precautions to protect the various tanks, lift-stations, and plants. Crews will provide 24-hour coverage for any emergency repairs that may become necessary. For emergency disconnections or assistance, please contact the Police Dept. at (254) 547-8222 x0 so they may contact on-call staff.

- The Copperas Cove Civic Center, located at 1206 W Avenue B, will open this evening at midnight, and until further notice, to serve as a temporary warming center for any citizens requiring such service. The warming center is being established to offer temporary relief from the cold and will not offer full sheltering services.
- To register for the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System, please go to: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/bff2144c1ee5>
- NWS Fort Worth information and updates may be found here: <https://www.weather.gov/fwd/>
- Oncor information and updates may be found here: <https://www.oncor.com/content/oncorwww/us/en/home.html>
- ERCOT information and updates may be found here: <https://www.ercot.com/>
- Ready.Gov information and updates may be found here: <https://www.ready.gov/>

Further information will be released as it becomes necessary. Thank you and stay safe.

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