

NEWS

for Neighborhoods

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

Long periods of freezing temperatures forecast for Gwinnett

Gwinnett County is preparing for extended periods of freezing temperatures and a small chance of winter precipitation tomorrow, January 21. Gwinnett Transportation has been pre-treating roads, and residents are advised to bring their pets inside and protect their pipes. Learn more below.

Trials and hearings canceled, some County services impacted by weather January 21

In general, Gwinnett County Government offices will be open during normal business hours from 8:00am to 5:00pm. However, some programs and services will be impacted.

Trials and hearings canceled

Due to inclement weather conditions, Gwinnett County trials and hearings are canceled Tuesday, January 21.

Senior centers closed

The Buford, Centerville, Lawrenceville, and Norcross Senior Centers will be closed to the public Tuesday, January 21.

Commuter service not operating

Due to forecasted inclement weather, Ride Gwinnett will not be operating commuter service on Tuesday, January 21. Ride Gwinnett will continue to monitor weather conditions and communicate service updates as more information becomes available.

Warming Stations open

Due to the projected overnight temperature of 35 degrees or below, Gwinnett County will open our five Warming Stations January 20, 21, and 22 from 6:00pm to 7:00am. If someone you know needs a place to rest and eat a meal, please find a station near you. For more details, visit GwinnettCounty.com/WarmingStations or call 770.822.8850

Schools

Find information about school closings or delays from Gwinnett County Public Schools and Buford City Schools.

Protect your pipes

With prolonged, below-freezing temperatures comes the risk of burst pipes. Protect your pipes to save yourself from costly damages.

Open your cabinet doors in the kitchen and bathrooms to expose pipes to heat and drip your pipes overnight. Be sure to set the heat to *at least* 55 degrees in your home or business. Keeping your home warm, especially at night, will keep the water in your pipes from freezing. Cover exposed water spigots outside.



Locate your home's water shut-off valve before it becomes an emergency. Valves can typically be found in the front yard of your property. Look for an oval steel plate to locate it. If a pipe does burst, shut off your water immediately! Remove the steel plate that covers the shut-off valve and turn it clockwise until closed with a wrench or a set of pliers. Please call a professional plumber before restoring service.

If you do experience burst pipes or another water-related issue, or if you are unsure if your issue is an emergency or whether it is your responsibility, you can read more about some of the most common issues:

- [Water leaks](#)
- [Turning water off at the meter](#)
- [Water quality issues](#)

- [Low water pressure or lack of hot water](#)
- [Water outages](#)

To get more tips on how to prepare your home for the winter, watch [this video](#) and visit [GwinnettSafety411.com](#).

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