



City of Wheat Ridge preps for Winter Storm Vexo

Residents advised to watch for downed power lines and tree limbs

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Wheat Ridge, CO – A strong storm system is expected to hit Denver metro area this evening, starting as rain and turning to snow. Accumulations of 8-18 inches are possible and the snow is expected to be heavy, with the potential to snap tree limbs and bring down power lines.

The City of Wheat Ridge is preparing for the coming winter storm by coordinating with the Police Department, local fire agencies, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Xcel Energy. As we have information regarding specific impacts from the storm, we will post them on our social media sites:

- [WRPD Facebook](#)
- [City of Wheat Ridge Facebook](#)
- [@WheatRidgePD](#) on Twitter
- [@CityWheatRidge](#) on Twitter

Here are some tips to help keep you safe:

- Limit travel during the storm and stay home if possible. If you have to travel, make sure you have an emergency kit with you and your mobile phone is fully charged.
- If you do have to go out, dress for the weather.
- Use caution when shoveling wet, heavy snow. Push the shovel to clear a path and minimize lifting heavy amounts.
- Check your emergency kit supplies or gather items like flashlights, extra batteries, snacks, bottled water and first aid supplies.
- Charge your cell phones and mobile devices now and limit use to conserve battery life in case the power goes out.
- Make a plan to check in with family and neighbors.
- *Downed power lines:*
 - Call 911 immediately to report the location of the line.
 - Never touch a downed power line or anything touching the wire.
 - Keep children and pets away from downed lines.
 - Do not drive over a fallen power line.
- *Power Outages:*
 - Use flashlights, not candles to minimize risk of fire.
 - Do not open refrigerators and freezers. Most food will stay safe in a closed refrigerator for several hours.
 - Turn off or disconnect appliances and other equipment to prevent damage from power surges.

For more tips on severe weather, visit www.ready.gov.

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