

Steps to avoid freezing water pipes public notice

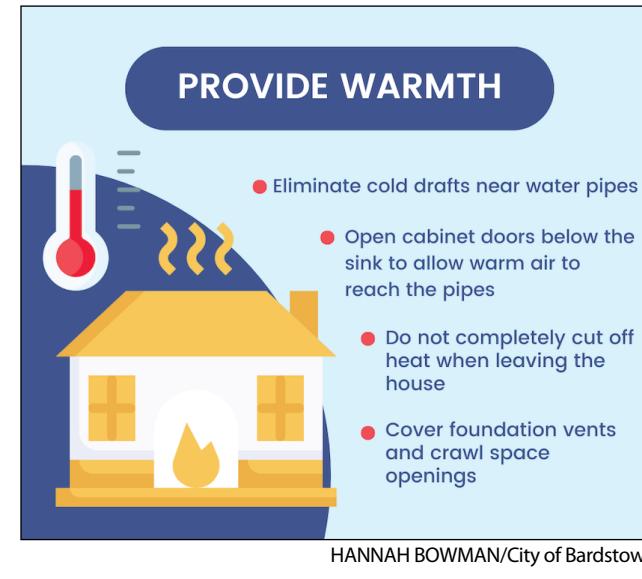
The City of Bardstown has issued tips for residents to help prevent freezing pipes during the coming winter storm.

PROTECT YOUR PIPES FROM COLD AIR

- Wrap exposed pipes with insulation material
- Open cabinet doors to allow heat to circulate around pipes
- Do not completely cut off heat when leaving the house
- Keep a thin stream of water running from a faucet near an exterior wall
- Ensure meter box cover is closed. If lid is broken or missing, cover by other means

IF YOUR WATER PIPES DO FREEZE

- Check with neighbors to confirm they also don't have water before calling the City
- Locate your shut-off valve (if you have one) and use it to turn off water if water service lines do freeze to minimize damage



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- Call a plumber. The City Public Works Department will be prioritizing main breaks and will not respond to individual house calls
- Avoid opening meter box. If the only shut-off available is at the meter, place insulation inside to prevent cold air being trapped

The American Red Cross website has a more comprehensive list of steps people

can take available on their website at the link below:

https://www.red-cross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm/frozen-pipes.html?srslid=Afm-BOorGKUmuCZyw6kVg0TriEl-aCzKDfg9y_eFDOZ-nC931BjvsUinG3

SB 51: FREEZING PROPERTY TAXES FOR SENIORS

Another bill I supported this week is SB 51, which would help protect Kentucky seniors from rising property taxes. The bill would freeze the taxable value of a person's home once they turn 65, or if they buy a home after that age. That way, folks on a fixed income won't be pushed out of the homes they've worked hard for just because property values go up.

SB 51 passed the committee and is now on its way to the full Senate. If it passes both chambers, it'll go on the ballot this fall for voters to decide.

Lastly, I want to let you know that I've refiled bipartisan legislation with Sen. Herron to restore voting rights for certain Kentuckians who've fully paid their debt to society. It's about fairness, accountability, and giving folks a path forward once they've completed their sentence, while keeping strong exclusions in place for the most serious crimes.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

There's also a lot of other work happening in committees across the Senate. This includes bills on safe room rebates for storm safety, battery recycling to reduce fire hazards, veterans services, school transportation flexibility, updates to how we regulate Medicaid and solid waste, and more.

These efforts are focused on making government more responsive, keeping folks safe, and supporting Kentucky communities in smart, practical ways.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

The General Assembly didn't meet on Monday, Jan. 19, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Dr. King's leadership moved this country forward, and this day gives us a chance to reflect on how far we've come.

LOOKING AHEAD

The House is still working on its version of the state budget. I remain in conversations with those in our district about various needs while we wait for the House's proposal. I'll keep an eye on it and keep you posted. As for the two-year road plan, I'm actively engaged in conversations as the House works on its proposal to send to the Senate. There is much more to come on both of these fronts.

It's an honor to serve the people of LaRue, Marion, Nelson, Spencer and Washington counties, and I'll keep doing my best to be your voice in Frankfort for the remainder of my last year as your state Senator.

If you have questions or concerns, I'm just a call or an email away. You can reach my office at (502) 564-8100 or email me at Jimmy.Higdon@kylegislature.gov.

warming centers.

- KYNG armories around the state will be fully staffed.
- Generators and wrecker service contracts are in place and on call.

Beshear also implemented the state's price gouging laws to protect Kentuckians from overpriced goods and services. With the state of emergency in place, consumers can report price gouging to the Office of the Attorney General.

Drivers are urged to check traffic conditions before traveling at GoKy.ky.gov.

For additional preparedness tips, visit kyem.ky.gov.

TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS ISSUE OFFICIAL ORDER TO ENHANCE RELIEF RESPONSE DUE TO FORECASTED WINTER STORM

As part of Team Kentucky's preparedness efforts to protect Kentuckians ahead of the forecasted weekend winter storm, Transportation Cabinet Secretary Jim Gray has signed an official order

to temporarily suspend certain restrictions on motor carriers that will be engaged in providing power restoration and transporting gasoline, diesel, propane and other critical supplies to affected areas.

"Preparation is critical to an effective response in emergency situations," Gray said. "Signing this order allows us to move resources and ensure help can get to Kentuckians and surrounding states as quickly as possible."

The order is effective for 14 days or until the state of emergency no longer exists. It temporarily relieves maximum driving times and weigh station stops for commercial drivers transporting approved relief supplies, crops, agricultural products or those involved in power restoration efforts.

Carriers must comply with safety requirements and have a copy of the order in the truck cab if operating under the authority of the official order.

KENTUCKY

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their federal tax forms. KY File will allow individuals to file their returns electronically and receive a paper check sooner. Direct

deposit is not an option with KY File. To learn more, visit filetaxes.ky.gov.

Taxpayers who have questions or require assistance may submit a general inquiry on the DOR website at "Get Help" or contact DOR taxpayer assistance at (502) 564-4581. Representatives are available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

TRUMP'S

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Reuters/IPSOS poll found that his push to acquire the territory is sitting at 40 points underwater with the American electorate. To put an even finer point on it, that's two points worse than Trump's approval on the Epstein files.

The quicker Trump gets off Greenland, the quicker Republicans can get back to selling their domestic agenda in a crucial election year. And they were all too happy to get in

front of reporters to express their relief that he wasn't, in fact, going to take Greenland by force.

"I don't think that was ever his intent, and so I'm glad he clarified," said Speaker Mike Johnson.

"Most of us think it was crazy, with a few exceptions," said Rep. Don Bacon. "Most of us thought, behind shut doors, he should be bragging on the economy that's growing at 4.3%, wages climbing faster than inflation for the first time in four or five years. But now we're talking Greenland."

Hopefully not for much

longer. Whatever Trump walks away with, which could be a "deal" that has already existed — will pale in comparison to the damage he's done to our global reputation. Mineral rights? More bases? We could have negotiated all of that like a normal nation — and ally — would. Instead, Trump chose chaos and lunacy. The relief overseas and here at home that this nonsense might finally be over tells you just how dumb it was in the first place.

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GUEST

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Texas for a lot less. A Hood County resident and military veteran, Kolton Krottinger, was arrested last year and charged with online impersonation, a felony, in connection to a meme on Facebook. A local activist had complained about the post to county officials.

Prosecutors declined to hear the case because of "insufficient

evidence," and now Krottinger is suing county officials in federal court claiming false arrest among other things, according to the Texas Scorecard.

Florida Man won't be left behind. A woman who posted on Facebook to criticize the mayor of Miami Beach and call him racist received a visit from local police, who said her words "could probably incite somebody to do something bad." The Miami Beach Police Department told a

reporter that they were making sure there was no threat to the mayor.

This editorial page has argued for civility in our political discourse. But unless it's a threat of violence, criticism of an elected official is protected speech.

Many governments around the world throw dissidents in jail as a routine matter, and there's nothing anyone in those countries can do about it. We shouldn't take our First Amendment for granted.

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STORM

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"This is a serious storm that will likely cause dangerous conditions on our roads and potential power outages, which is why we are doing everything we can to keep Kentuckians safe," Beshear said. "We ask that everyone does what they can to prepare now. Run any necessary errands before the storm, avoid traveling while conditions are dangerous, and have weather alerts turned on to stay informed."

The following steps are also being implemented ahead of the winter storm:

- The state's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be activated and operating at level 3 beginning at 7 a.m. EST Saturday and will be fully staffed through Monday.
- Water is being pre-positioned across the commonwealth in anticipation of water outages.
- KYEM is working with local counties to establish